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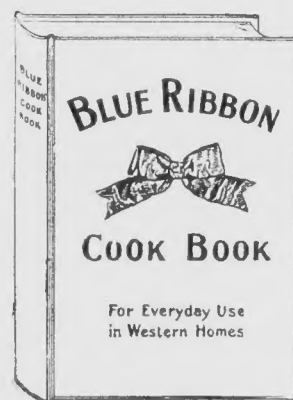
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THE STAR OF THE VALLEY.

By CHARLES EGBERT CRADDOCK.



HE first saw it in the twilight of a clear October evening. As the earliest planet sprang into the sky, an answering gleam shone red amid the glooms in the valley. A star too it seemed. And later, when the myriads of the fairer, whiter lights of a moonless night were all athrob in the great concave vault bending to the hills, there was something very impressive in that solitary star of earth, changless and motionless beneath the ever-changing skies.

Chevis never tired of looking at it. Somehow it broke the spell that draws all eyes heavenward on starry nights. He often strolled with his cigar at dusk down to the verge of the crag, and sat for hours gazing at it and vaguely speculating about it. That spark seemed to have kindled all the soul and imagination within him, although he knew well enough its prosaic source, for he once questioned the gawky mountaineer whose services he had secured as guide through the forest solitudes during this hunting expedition.

"That thar spark in the valley?" Hi Bates had replied, removing the pipe from his lips and emitting a cloud of strong tobacco smoke. "Tain't nothin' but the light in Jerry Shaw's house, 'bout haffen mile from the foot of the mounting. Yer pass that thar house when yer goes on the Christel road, Backbone. That's Jerry Shaw's house—what leads down the mounting of the that's what it is. He's a blacksm'n, an' he kin shoe a horse toler'ble well when he ain't drunk, ez he mos'ly is."

"Perhaps that is the light from the forge," suggested Chevis.

"That thar forge ain't run more'n half the day, let 'lone o' nights. I hev never hearn tell on Jerry Shaw's a-workin' o' nights—nor in the daytime nuther, ef he kin get shet of it. No sech no-count critter 'twixt hyar an' the Settlement."

So spake Chevis's astronomer. Seeing the star even through the prosaic lens of stern reality did not detract from its poetic aspect. Chevis never failed to watch for it. The first faint glinting in the azure evening sky sent his eyes to that red reflection suddenly aglow in the valley; even when the mists rose above it and hid it from him, he gazed at the spot where it had disappeared, feeling a calm satisfaction to know that it was still shining beneath the cloud-curtain. He encouraged himself in this bit of sentimentality. These unique eventide effects seemed a fitting sequel to the picturesque day, passed in flying, with the horn and hounds, after the deer through the gorgeous autumnal forest; or silently stalking amid their hidden haunts; or lying deep in the odorous ferns, with rod and reel, beside the swirling mountain stream; or hunting the timid wild fowl with a thoroughly trained dog; and coming back in the crimson sunset to a well-appointed tent and a smoking supper

of venison, or grouse, or bass—the trophies of his skill. The vague dreaminess of his cigar and the charm of that bright bit of color in the night-shrouded valley added a sort of romantic zest to these primitive enjoyments, and ministered to that keen susceptibility of impressions which Reginald Chevis considered eminently characteristic of a highly wrought mind and nature.

He said nothing of his fancies, however, to his fellow sportsman, Ned Varney, nor to the mountaineer. Infinite as was the difference between these two in mind and cultivation, his observation of both had convinced him that they were alike incapable of appreciating and comprehending his

from the crag in all the many miles of long, narrow valley and parallel tiers of ranges. Sometimes Chevis and Varney caught sight of it from lower down on the mountain side, whence was faintly distinguishable the little log house and certain vague lines marking a rectangular inclosure; near at hand, too, the forge, silent and smokeless. But it did not immediately occur to either of them to theorize concerning the inmates and their lives in this lonely place; for a time, not even to the speculative Chevis. As to Varney, he gave his whole mind to the matter in hand—his breech-loader, his dog, his game—and his note-book was as systematic as the ledger at home.

across the rushing stream, she made her way up the opposite hill, and disappeared gradually over its brow.

The expression on her face, half-seen though it was, had attracted his attention. He rode slowly along meditating. "Did she go into Shaw's house, just around the curve of the road?" he wondered. "Is she Shaw's daughter, or some visiting neighbor?"

That night he looked with a new interest at the red star, set like a jewel in the floating mists of the valley.

"Do you know," he asked of Hi Bates, when the three men were seated, after supper, around the camp-fire, which sent lurid tongues of flame and a thousand bright sparks leaping high in the darkness, and illumined the vistas of the woods on every side, save where the sudden crag jutted over the valley—"Do you know whether Jerry Shaw has a daughter—a young girl?"

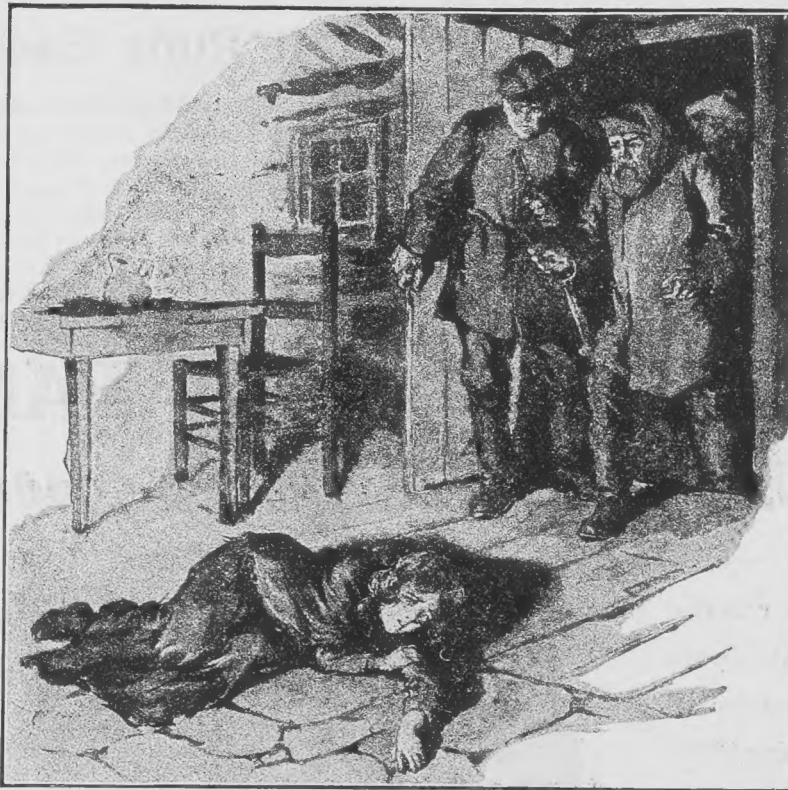
"Ye-es," drawled Hi Bates, disparagingly, "he hev."

"Is she pretty," asked Chevis.

"Waal, no, she ain't," said Bates, decisively. "She's a poor no-count critter." Then he added, as if he were afraid of being misapprehended, "Not ez thar is any harm in the gal, yer understand. She's a mighty good, soft-spoken quiet sort o' gal, but she's a pore white-faced, slim little critter. She looks like she hain't got no sort'n grit in her. She makes me think o' one o' them slim little slips o' willow every time nor I sees her. She hain't got long to live, I reckon," continued Bates, dismally.

Reginald Chevis asked him no more questions about Jerry Shaw's daughter.

Not long afterwards, when Chevis was hunting through the deep woods about the base of the mountain near the Christel road, his horse happened to cast a shoe. He congratulated himself upon his proximity to the forge, for there was a possibility that the blacksmith might be at work; according to the account which Hi Bates had given of Jerry Shaw's habits, there were half a dozen chances against it. But the shop was at no great distance, and he set out to find his way back to the Christel road, guided by sundry well-known landmarks on the mountain side; certain great crags hanging above the tree-tops, showing in grander sublimity through the thinning foliage, or beetling bare and grim; a dismantled and deserted hovel; the red-berried vines twining amongst the rotten logs; the full flow of a tumultuous stream making its last leap down a precipice eighty feet high, with yeasty, maddening waves below and a rainbow-crowned crystal sheet above. And here again the curves of the woodland road. As the sound of the falling water grew softer and softer in the distance, till it was hardly more than a drowsy murmur, the faint vibrations of a far-off anvil rang upon the air. Welcome indeed to Chevis, for however enticing might be the long rambles through the redolent October woods with dog and gun, he had no mind to tramp up the mountain to his tent, five miles distant, leading the resisting horse all the way. The afternoon was so clear



"On the rough stones before the dying fire, Celia Shaw, falling asleep and waking by fitful starts."

delicate and dainty musings. Varney was essentially a man of this world; his mental and moral conclusions had been adopted in a calm, mercantile spirit, as giving the best return for the outlay, and the market was not liable to fluctuations. And the mountaineer could go no further than the prosaic fact of the light in Jerry Shaw's house. Thus Reginald Chevis was wont to sit in contemplative silence on the crag, until his cigar was burnt out, and afterwards to lie awake deep in the night, listening to the majestic lyric welling up from the thousand nocturnal voices of these Alleghany wilds.

During the day in place of the red light a gauzy little curl of smoke was barely visible, the only sign or suggestion of human habitation to be seen

It might be accounted an event in the history of that log hut when Reginald Chevis, after riding past it eighty yards or so, chanced one day to meet a country girl walking toward the house. She did not look up, and he caught only an indistinct glance of her face. She spoke to him, however, as she went by, which is the invariable habit with the inhabitants of the sequestered nooks among the encompassing hills, whether meeting stranger or acquaintance. He lifted his hat in return with that punctilious courtesy which he made a point of according to persons of low degree. In another moment she had passed down the narrow sandy road, overhung with gigantic trees, and, at a deft, even pace, hardly slackened as she traversed the great log extending

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and so still that the metallic sound penetrated far through the quiet forest. At every curve of the road he expected to see the log-cabin with its rail fence, and beyond the low hanging chestnut-tree, half its branches resting upon the roof of the little shanty of a blacksmith's shop. After many windings a sharp turn brought him full upon the humble dwelling, with its back-ground of primeval woods and the purpling splendors of the western hills. The chickens were going to roost in a stunted cedar-tree just without the door; an incredible old man, feeble and bent, sat dozing in the lingering sunshine on the porch; a girl with a pail on her head, was crossing the road and going down a declivity toward a spring which bubbled up in a cleft of the gigantic rocks that were piled one above another, rising to a great height. A mingled breath of cool, dripping water, sweet-scented fern, and pungent mint greeted him as he passed it. He did not see the girl's face, for she had left the road before he went by, but he recognized the slight figure, with that graceful poise acquired by the prosaic habit of carrying weights upon the head, and its lithe, swaying beauty reminded him of the mountaineer's comparison—a slip of willow.

And now, under the chestnut-tree, in anxious converse with Jerry Shaw, who came out hammer in hand from the anvil, concerning the shoe to be put on Strathspey's near fore-foot, and the problematic damage sustained since the accident, Chevis's own theory occupied some minutes in expounding, and so absorbed his attention that he did not observe, until the horse was fairly under the blacksmith's hands, that, despite Jerry Shaw's unaccustomed industry, this was by no means a white-letter day in his habitual dissipation. He trembled for Strathspey, but it was too late now to interfere. Jerry Shaw was in that stage of drunkenness which is greatly accentuated by an elaborate affectation of sobriety. His desire that Chevis should consider him perfectly sober was abundantly manifest in his rigidly steady gait, the preternatural gravity in his blood-shot eyes, his sparingness of speech, and the difficulty with which he enunciated the acquiescent formulae which had constituted his share of conversation. Now and then, controlling his faculties by a great effort, he looked hard at Chevis to discover what doubts might be expressed in his face concerning the genuineness of this staid deportment; and Chevis presently found it best to affect, too. Believing that the blacksmith's histrionic attempts in the role of sober artisan were occupying his attention more than the paring of Strathspey's hoof, which he held between his knees on the leather apron, while the horse danced an animated measure on the other three feet, Chevis assumed an appearance of indifference, and strolled away into the shop. He looked about him, carelessly, at the horseshoes hanging on a rod in the rude aperture that served as window, at the wagon-tires, the plowshares, the glowing fire of the forge. The air within was unpleasantly close, and he soon found himself standing again in the doorway.

"Can I get some water here?" he asked, as Jerry Shaw re-entered, and began hammering vigorously at the shoe destined for Strathspey.

The resonant music ceased for a moment. The solemn, drunken eyes were slowly turned upon the visitor, and the elaborate affectation of sobriety was again obtrusively apparent in the blacksmith's manner. He rolled up more closely the blue-checked homespun sleeve from his corded hammer-arm, twitched nervously at the single suspender that supported his copper-colored jean trousers, readjusted his leather apron hanging about his neck, and, casting upon Chevis another glance, replete with a challenging gravity, fell to work upon the anvil, every heavy and well directed blow telling with the precision of machinery.

The question had hardly been heard before forgotten. At the next interval, when he was going out to fit the horse, Chevis repeated his request.

"Water, did yer say?" asked Jerry Shaw, looking at him with narrowing eyelids, as if to shut out all other contemplation that he might grapple with this problem. "Thar's no fraish water hyar, but yer kin go yander ter the house and ax fur some; or," he added,

shading his eyes from the sunlight with his broad, blackened right hand, and looking at the huge broken wall of stone beyond the road, "yer kin go down yander ter the spring, an' ax that thar gal fur a drink."

Chevis took his way, in the last rays of sunshine, across the road and down the declivity in the direction indicated by the blacksmith. A cool grey shadow fell upon him from the heights of the great rocks, as he neared them; the narrow path leading from the road grew dank and moist, and presently his feet were sunk in the still green and odorous water-loving weeds, the clumps of fern, and the pungent mint. He did not notice the soft verdure; he did not even see the beautiful vines that hung from earth-filled niches among the rocks, and lent to their forbidding aspect something of a smiling grace; their picturesque grouping, where they had fallen apart to show this sparkling fountain of bright up-springing water, was all lost upon his artistic perceptions. His eyes were fixed on the girl standing beside the spring her pail filled, but waiting, with a calm, expectant look on her face, as she saw him approaching.

No creature could have been more coarsely habited; a green cotton dress, faded to the faintest hue; rough shoes,

handed it to him, and stood awaiting its return when he should have finished. The cool, delicious water was drained, and he gave the gourd back. "I am much obliged," he said.

"Yere welcome," she replied, in a slow, singing monotone. Had the autumn winds taught her voice that melancholy cadence?

Chevis would have liked to hear her speak again, but the gulf between his station and hers—so undreamed of by her (for the differences of caste are absolutely unknown to the independent mountaineers), so patent to him—could be bridged by few ideas. They had so little in common that for a moment he could think of nothing to say. His cogitation suggested only the inquiry, "Do you live here?" indicating the little house on the other side of the road.

"Yes," she chanted in the same monotone, "I lives hyar."

She turned to lift the brimming pail. Chevis spoke again: "Do you always stay at home? Do you never go anywhere?"

Her eyes rested upon him, with a slight surprise looking out from among their changing lights. "No," she said, after a pause; "I hev no call to go nowhar ez I knows on."

She placed the pail on her head, took the dappled sun-bonnet in her

their thoughts and feelings, obtained a comprehensive idea of the machinery of life in this wilderness—more complicated than one could readily believe, looking upon the changeless face of the wide, unpopulated expanse of mountain ranges stretching so far beneath that infinite sky. They appealed to him from the basis of their common humanity, he thought, and the pleasure of watching the development of the common human attributes in this peculiar and primitive state of society never palled upon him. He regarded with contempt Varney's frivolous displeasure and annoyance because of Hi Bates utter insensibility to the difference in their social position, and the necessity of either acquiescing in the suppositious equality or dispensing with the invaluable services of the proud and independent mountaineer; because of the parlois of the untutored people, to hear which, Varney was wont to declare, set his teeth on edge; because of their narrow prejudices, their mental poverty, their idle shiftlessness, their uncouth dress and appearance. Chevis flattered himself that he entertained a broader view. He had not even a subacute idea that he looked upon these people and their inner life only as picturesque bits of the mental and moral landscape; that it was an æsthetic and theoretical pleasure their contemplation afforded him; that he was as far as ever from the basis of common humanity.

Sometimes while he talked to the old man on the sun-lit porch the "slip o' willow" sat in the door-way, listening, too, but never speaking. Sometimes he would find her with her father at the forge, her fair, ethereal face illumined with an alien and fluctuating brilliancy, shining and fading as the breath of the fire rose and fell. He came to remember that face so well that in a sorry sketch-book, where nothing else was finished, there were several laborious pages lighted up with a faint reflection of its beauty. But he was as interested perhaps, though less poetically, in that massive figure, the idle blacksmith. He looked at it all from an ideal point of view. The star in the valley was only a brilliant set in the night landscape, and suggested a unique and pleasing experience.

How should he imagine what luminous and wistful eyes were turned upward to where another star burned—the light of his camp-fire on the crag; what pathetic, beautiful eyes had learned to watch and wait for that red gleam high on the mountain's brow—hardly below the stars in heaven it seemed. How could he dream of the strange, vague, unreasoning trouble with which his idle comings and goings had clouded that young life, a trouble as strange, as vague, as vast as the limitless sky above her.

She understood him as little. As she sat in the open door-way, with the flare of the fire behind her, and gazed at the red light shining on the crag, she had no idea of the heights of worldly differences that divided them—more insurmountable than precipices and flying chutes of mountain torrents, and chasms and fissures of the wild ravine; she knew nothing of the life he had left, and of its rigorous artificialities and gradations of wealth and estimation. And with a heart full of pitiable unrealities she looked up at the glittering simulacrum of a star on the crag, while he gazed down on the ideal star in the valley.

The weeks had worn deep into November. Chevis and Varney were thinking of going home; indeed, they talked of breaking camp day after to-morrow, and saying a long adieu to wood and mountain and stream. They had had an abundance of good sport and a surfeit of roughing it. They would go back to town and town avocations invigorated by their holiday, and taking with them a fresh and exhilarating recollection of the forest life left so far behind.

It was near dusk, on a dull, cold evening, when Chevis dismounted before the door of the blacksmith's little log cabin. The chestnut-tree hung desolate and bare on the eaves of the forge; the stream rushed by in swift gray whirlpools under a sullen gray sky; the gigantic wall of broken rocks loomed gloomy and sinister on the opposite side of the road—not so much as a withered leaf of all their vines clung to their

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just visible beneath her skirts; a dappled gray and brown calico sun-bonnet, thrown aside on a moss-grown boulder near at hand. But it seemed as if the wild nature about her had been generous to this being toward whom life and fortune had played the niggard. There were opaline lights in her dreamy eyes which one sees nowhere save in sunset clouds that brood above dark hills; the golden sunbeams, all faded from the landscape, had left a perpetual reflection in her bronze hair; there was a subtle affinity between her and other pliant, swaying graceful young things, waving in the mountain breezes, fed by the rain and the dew. She was hardly more human to Chevis than certain lissome little woodland flowers, the very names of which he did not know—pure white, star-shaped, with a faint green line threading its way through each of the delicate petals; he had seen them embellishing the banks of lonely pools, or growing in marshy places in the middle of the unfrequented roads, where perhaps it had been mended in a primitive way with a few rotting rails.

"May I trouble you to give me some water?" said Chevis, prosaically enough. She neither smiled nor replied. She took the gourd from the pail, dipped it into the lucent depths of the spring,

hand, and went along the path with the assured steady gait and the graceful backward poise of the figure that precluded the possibility of spilling a drop from the vessel.

He had been touched in a highly romantic way by the sweet beauty of this little woodland flower. It seemed hard that so perfect a thing of its kind should be wasted here, unseen by more appreciative eyes than those of bird, or rabbit, or the equally uncultured human beings about her; and it gave him a baffling sense of the mysterious injustice of life to reflect upon the difference in her lot and that of others of her age in higher spheres. He went thoughtfully through the closing shadows to the shop, mounted the reshod Strathspey, and rode along the rugged ascent of the mountain, gravely pondering on wordly inequalities.

He saw her often afterward, although he never spoke to her but once again. He sometimes stopped as he came and went on the Christel road, and sat chatting with the old man, her grandfather, on the porch, sunny days, or lounged in the barn-like door of Jerry Shaw's shop talking to the half-drunken blacksmith. He piqued himself upon the readiness with which he became interested in these people, entered into

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rugged surfaces. The mountain had changed color; the nearest ranges were black with the myriads of the grim black branches of the denuded forest; far away they stretched in parallel lines, rising tier above tier, and showing numberless graduations of a dreary, neutral tint, which grew ever fainter in the distance, till merged in the uniform tone of the sombre sky.

In-doors it was certainly more cheerful. A hickory fire dispensed alike warmth and light. The musical whirr of a spinning-wheel added its unique charm. From the rafters depended numberless strings of bright red pepper-pods and ears of pop-corn; hanks of woolen and cotton yarn; bunches of medicinal herbs; brown gourds and little bags of seeds. On rude shelves against the wall were ranged cooking utensils, drinking vessels, etc., all distinguished by that scrupulous cleanliness which is a marked feature of the poor hovels of these mountaineers, and in striking contrast to the poor hovels of lowlanders. The rush-bottomed chairs, drawn in a semi-circle before the rough ill-adjusted stones which did duty as hearth, were occupied by several men, who seemed to be making the blacksmith a prolonged visit; various members of the family were humbly seated on sundry inverted domestic articles, such as wash tubs, and split baskets made of white oak. There was circulating among Jerry Shaw's friends a flat bottle, facetiously denominated "tickler," readily emptied, but as readily replenished from a keg in the corner. Like the widow's cruse of oil that keg was miraculously never empty. The fact of a still near by in the wild ravine might suggest a reason for its perennial flow. It was a good strong article of apple-brandy, and its effects were beginning to be distinctly visible.

Truly the ethereal woodland flower seemed strangely incongruous with these brutal and uncouth conditions of her life, as she stood at a little distance from this group, spinning at her wheel. Chevis felt a sudden sharp pang of pity for her when he glanced toward her; the next instant he had forgotten it in his interest in her work. It was altogether at variance with the ideas which he had hitherto entertained concerning that humble handicraft. There came across him a vague recollection from his city life that the peasant girls of art galleries and of the lyric stage were wont to sit at the wheel. "But perhaps they were spinning flax," he reflected. This spinning was a matter of walking back and forth with smooth, measured steps and graceful, undulatory motion; a matter, too, of much pretty gesticulation—the thread in one hand, the other regulating the whirl of the wheel. He thought he had never seen attitudes so charming.

Jerry Shaw hastened to abdicate and offer one of the rush-bottomed chairs with the eager hospitality characteristic of these mountaineers—a hospitality that meets a stranger on the threshold of every hut, presses upon him, ungrudgingly, its best, and follows him on his departure with protestations of regret out to the rickety fence. Chevis was more or less known to all the visitors, and after a little, under the sense of familiarity and the impetus of the apple-brandy, the talk flowed on as freely as before his entrance. It was wilder and more antagonistic to his principles and prejudices than anything he had hitherto heard among these people, and he looked on and listened, interested in this new development of the phase of life which he had thought he had sounded from its lowest note to the top of its compass. He was glad to remain; the scene had impressed his cultivated preceptions as an interior by Teniers might have done, and the vehemence and lawlessness of the conversation and the threats of violence had little reality for him; if he thought about the subject under discussion at all, it was with a reassuring conviction that before the plans could be carried out the already intoxicated mountaineers would be helplessly drunk. Nevertheless, he glanced ever and anon at the young girl, loath that she should hear it, lest its virulent, angry bitterness should startle her. She was evidently listening, too, but her face was as calm and untroubled as one of the pure white faces of those flower-stars of his early stay in the mountains.

"Them Peels oughtn't ter be let live!" exclaimed Elijah Burr, a gigantic fellow, arrayed in brown jeans, with the accompaniments of knife, powder-horn, etc., usual with the hunters of the range; his gun stood with those of the other guests, against the wall in a corner of the room. "They oughtn't ter be let live, an' I'd top off all three of 'em fur the skin an' horns of a deer."

"That thar is a true word," assented Jerry Shaw. "They oughter be run down an' kilt—all three o' them Peels."

Chevis could not forbear a question. Always on the alert to add to his stock of knowledge of men and minds, always analyzing his own inner life and the inner life of those about him, he said turning to his intoxicated host: "Who are the Peels, Mr. Shaw, if I may ask?"

"Who air the Peels?" repeated Jerry Shaw, making a point of seizing the question. "They air the meanest men in these hyar mountings. Yer might hunt from Copperhead Ridge ter Christel River, an' the whole spread o' the valley, an' never hear tell o' no sech no count critters."

"They oughtn't ter be let live!" again urged Elijah Burr. "No man ez treats his wife like that dad-burned scoundrel Ike Peel do oughter be let live. That thar woman is my sister an' Jerry Shaw's cousin, an' I shot him down in his own door year afore las'. I shot him ter kill; but somehow 'nother I war that shaky, an' the cussed gun hung fire a-fust, an' that thar pore wife o' his'n screamed an' hollered so that I never done nothin' arter all but lay him up for four month an' better for that thar poor critter ter nuss. He'll see a mighty differ nex' time I gits my chance. An' 't aint fur off,' he added, threateningly. "Wouldn't it be better to persuade her to leave him?" suggested Chevis, pacifically, without, however, any wild idea of playing peacemaker between fire and tow.

Burr growled a fierce oath, and then was silent.

A slow fellow on the opposite side of the fireplace explained: "Thar's whar all the trouble kem from. She wouldn't leave him, fur all he treated her awful."

"She said ez how he war mighty good ter her when he warn't drunk. So 'Lijah shot him."

This way of cutting the Gordian knot of domestic difficulties might have proved efficacious but for the shakiness induced by the thrill of fraternal sentiment, the infusion of apple-brandy, the protest of the bone of contention, and the hanging fire of the treacherous gun. Elijah Burr could remember no other failure of aim for twenty years.

"He won't git shet of me that easy agin!" Burr declared, with another pull at the flat tickler. "But ef it hedn't hev been fur what happend las' week, I mought hev let him off fur awhile," he continued, evidently actuated by some curiously distorted sense of duty in the premises. "I oughter hev kilt him afore. But now the cussed critter is a gone coon. Dad-burn the whole tribe!"

Chevis was desirous of knowing what had happened last week. He did not, however, feel justified in asking more questions. But "apple-jack" is a potent tongue-loosener, and the unwonted communicativeness of the stolid and silent mountaineers attested its strength in this regard. Jerry Shaw, without inquiry, enlightened him.

"Yer see," he said, turning to Chevis, "Lijah he thought ez how ef he could git that fool woman ter come ter his house, he could shoot Ike fur his meanness 'thut bo'herin' of her, an' thirgs would all git easy again. Waal, he went thar one day when all them Peels, the whole layout, war gone down ter the Settlement ter hear the rider preach, an' he jes' run away with two of the brats—the littlest ones, yer onderstand—a-thinkin' he mought tole her off from Ike that thar way. We hearn ez how the poor critter war nigh onter distracted 'bout 'em, but Ike never let her come arter 'em. Leastaways, she never come. Las' week Ike come fur 'em hisself—him an' them two cussed brothers o' his'n. All 'Lijah's folks war out n the wav; him an' his boys war off a-huntin', an' his wife hed gone down ter the spring, a haffen mile an' better, a-washin' clothes; nobody war ter the

house 'ceptin' them two children o' Ike's. An' Ike an' his brothers jes' tuk the children away an' set fire ter the house; an' time 'Lijah's wife got thar, 't war nothin' but a pile o' ashes. So we've determined ter go up under ter Laurel Notch, twenty mile along the ridge of the mounting, ter-night, an' wipe out them Peels—kase they air a-goin' ter move away. That thar wife o' Ike's what made all the trouble, hev fretted at Ike till he hev determined ter break up an' wagon across the range ter Kaintucky, whar his uncle lives in the hills thar. Ike hev gin his consent ter go jes' ter pleasure her, 'kase she air mos' crazed ter git Ike away whar 'Lijah can't kill him. Ike's brothers is a-goin', too. I hearn ez how they'll make a start at noon ter-morrer."

"They'll never start ter Kaintucky the poor critter war nigh on ter dis-ter-morrer," said Burr, grimly. "They'll git off, afore that, fur some other place. I hev been a-tryin' ter make-out ter shoot that thar man ever sense that thar gal war married ter him, seven year ago—seven year an' better. But what with her a-foolin' round an' a-talkin', an' a-goin' on like she war distracted—she run right 'twixt him an' the muzzle of my gun wunst, or I would hev hed him that time fur sure—an' somehow 'nother that critter makes me so shaky with her ways o' goin' on that I feel like I hain't got no good sense and can't get no good aim at nothin'. Nex' time though thar'll be a differ. She hain't a-goin' ter Kaintucky ter be beat fur nothin' when he's drunk."

It was a pitiable picture presented to Chevis's open-eyed imagination—this woman standing for years between the two men she loved; holding back her brother from his vengeance of her wrongs by that subtle influence that shook his aim; and going into exile with her brute of a husband when that influence had waned and failed, and her wrongs were supplemented by deep and irreparable injuries to her brother. And the curious, moral attitude of the man; the strong fraternal feeling that alternately nerved and weakened his revengeful hand.

"We air goin' thar 'bout two o'clock ter-night," said Jerry Shaw, "and wipe out all three o' them Peels—Ike an' his two brothers."

"They oughtn't ter be let live," reiterated Elijah Burr, moodily. Did he speak to his faintly stirring conscience, or to a woful premonition of his sister's grief?

"They'll all three be stiff an' stark afore day break," resumed Jerry Shaw. "We air all kin ter 'Lijah, an' we air goin' ter help him top off them Peels. Thar's ten of us an' three of them, an' we won't hev no trouble 'bout it, an' we'll bring that pore critter, Ike's wife, an' her chillen hyar ter stay. She's welcome ter live along of us till 'Lijah kin fix some sort'n place fur her an' the little chillen. Thar won't be no trouble a-gettin' rid of the men folks, ez thar is ten of us an' three o' them, an' we air goin' ter take 'em in the night."

There was a protest from an unexpected quarter. The whirr of the spinning-wheel was abruptly silenced. "I don't see no sense," said Celia Shaw, her singing monotone vibrating in the sudden lull—"I don't see no sense in shootin' folks down like they war nothin' better nor bear, nor deer, nor suthin wild. I don't see no sense in it. An' I never did see none."

There was an astonished pause.

"Shet up, Cely! Shet up!" exclaimed Jerry Shaw, in mingled anger and surprise. "Them folks ain't no better nor bear, nor sech. They ain't got no right ter live—them Peels."

"No, that they ain't!" said Burr.

"They is powerful no-count critters, I know," replied the little woodland flower, the firelight bright in her opaline eyes and on the flakes of burnished gold gleaming in the dark masses of her hair. "They is always a-hangin' round the still an' a-gittin' drunk; but I don't see no sense in a-huntin' 'em down an' a killin' 'em off. 'Pears ter me like they air better nor the dumb ones. I don't see no sense in shootin' 'em."

"Shet up, Cely! Shet up!" reiterated Shaw.

Celia said no more. Reginald Chevis

was pleased with this indication of her sensibility; the other women—her mother and grandmother—had heard the whole recital with the utmost indifference, as they sat by the fire notoriously carding cotton. She was beyond her station in sentiment, he thought. However, he was disposed to recant this favorable estimate of her higher nature when, twice afterward, she stopped her work, and, filling the bottle from the keg, pressed it upon her father, despite her unfavorable criticism of the hangers-on of stills. Nay, she insisted. "Drink some more," she said, "Yer hain't got half enough yit." Had the girl no pity for the already drunken creature? She seemed systematically trying to make him even more helpless than he was.

He had fallen into a deep sleep before Chevis left the house, and the bottle was circulating among the other men with a rapidity that boded little harm to the unconscious Ike Peel and his brothers at Laurel Notch, twenty miles away. As Chevis mounted Strathspay he saw the horses of Jerry Shaw's friends standing partly within and partly without the blacksmith's shop. They would stand there all night, he thought. It was darker when he commenced the ascent of the mountain than he had anticipated. And what was this driving against his face—rain? No, it was snow. He had not started a moment too soon. But Sthathspay, by reason of frequent travel, knew every foot of the way, and perhaps there would only be a flurry. And so he went on steadily up and up the wild, winding road among the great, bare, black trees and the grim heights and chasms. The snow fell fast—so fast and so silently; before he was half-way to the summit he had lost the vague companionship of the sound of his horse's hoofs, now muffled in the thick carpet so suddenly flung upon the road. Still the snow fell, and when he had reached the mountain's brow the ground was deeply covered, and the whole aspect of the scene was strange. But though obscured by the bosom of the white valley there glittered still that changeless star.

"Still spinning, I suppose," he said to himself, as he looked toward it and thought of the interior of the log-cabin below. And then he turned into the tent to enjoy his cigar, his æsthetic reveries, and a bottle of wine.

But the wheel was no longer awhirl. Both music and musician were gone. Toiling along the snow-filled mountain ways; struggling with the fierce gusts of wind as they buffeted and hindered her, and fluttered derisively among her thin, worn, old garments; shivering as the driving flakes came full into the pale, calm face, and fell in heavier wreaths upon the dappled calico sun-bonnet; threading her way through unfrequented woodland paths, that she might shorten the distance; now deftly on the verge on a precipice, whence a false step of those coarse rough shoes would fling her into the unimaginable abysses below; now on the sides of steep ravines, falling sometimes with the treacherous, sliding snow, but never faltering; tearing her hands on the shrubs and vines she clutched to help her forward, and bruised and bleeding, but still going on; trembling more than with the cold but never turning back, when a sudden noise in the terrible loneliness of the sheeted woods suggested the proximity of a wild beast, or perhaps, to her ignorant, superstitious mind, a supernatural presence—thus she journeyed on her errand of deliverance.

Her fluttering breath came and went in quick gasps; her failing limbs wearily dragged through the deep drifts; the cruel winds untiringly lashed her; the snow soaked through the faded green cotton dress to the chilled white skin—it seemed even to the dull blood coursing feebly through her freezing veins. But she had small thought for herself during these long, slow hours of endurance and painful effort. Her pale lips moved now and then with muttered speculations: how the time went by; whether they had discovered her absence at home; and whether the fleetest horsemen were even now plowing their way through the longer, winding mountain road. Her only hope was to outstrip their speed. Her prayer—this untaught being! she had no prayer, except perhaps her life; the life she was so ready to imperil. She had no

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When the silent horsemen, sobered by the chill night air and the cold snow, made their cautious approach to the little porch of Ike Peel's log-hut at Laurel Notch, there was a thrill of dismayed surprise among them to discover the door standing half open, the house empty of its scanty furniture and goods, its owners fled, the very dogs disappeared; only on the rough stones before the dying fire, Celia Shaw, falling asleep and waking by fitful starts.

"Jerry Shaw swore ez how he would hev shot that thar gal o' his'n—that thar Cely," Hi Bates said to Chevis and Varney the next day, when he recounted the incident, "only he didn't think she hed her right mind; a-walkin' through this hyar deep snow full fifteen mile—it's fifteen mile by the short cut ter Laurel Notch—ter git Ike Peel's folks off 'fore 'Lijah an' her father could come up an' settle Ike an' his brothers. Lestways, 'Lijah an' the t'others, fur Jerry hed got so drur' he couldn't go; he war dead asleep till ter-day, when they come back a-fotchin' the gal with 'em. That thar Cely Shaw never did look terme she hed good sense, nohow. Always looked like she war queer an' tetch'd in the head."

There was a furtive gleam of speculation on the dull face of the mountaineer when his two listeners broke into enthusiastic commendation of the girl's high heroism and courage. The man of ledgers swore that he had never before heard of anything so fine, and that he himself would walk through fifteen miles of snow and midnight wilderness for the honor of shaking hands with her. There was that keen thrill about their hearts sometimes felt in crowded theaters, responsive to the cleverly simulated heroism of the boards; or in listening to a poet's mid-air song; or in looking upon some grand and ennobling phase of life translated on a great painter's canvas.

Hi Bates thought that perhaps they too were a little "tetch'd in the head."

There had fallen upon Chevis a sense of deep humiliation. Celia Shaw had heard no more of that momentous conversation than he; a wide contrast was suggested. He began to have a glimmering preception that despite all his culture, his sensibility, his yearnings toward humanity, he was not so high a thing in the scale of being; that he had placed a false estimate upon himself. He had looked down on her with a mingled pity for her dense ignorance, her coarse surroundings, her low

station, and a dilettante's delight in picturesque effects, and with no recognition of the moral splendors of that star in the valley. A realization, too, was upon him that fine feelings are of most avail as the motive power of fine deeds.

He and his friend went down together to the little log-cabin. There had been only jeers and taunts and reproaches for Celia Shaw from her own people. These she had expected and she had stolidly borne them. But she listened to the fine speeches of the city-bred men with a vague wonderment on her flower-like face—whiter than ever to-day.

"It was a splendid—a noble thing to do," said Varney, warmly.

"I shall never forget it," said Chevis. "It will always be like a sermon to me."

There was something more that Reginald Chevis never forgot; the look on her face as he turned and left her forever; for he was on his way back to his former life, so far removed from her and all her ideas and imaginings. He pondered long upon that look in her inscrutable eyes—was it suffering, some keen pang of despair? as he rode down and down the valley, all unconscious of the heart-break he left behind him. He thought of it often afterward; he never penetrated its mystery.

He heard of her only once again. On the eve of a famous day, when visiting the outposts of a gallant corps, Reginald Chevis chanced to recognize in a sentinel the gawky mountaineer who had been his guide through those autumnal woods so far away. Hi Bates was afterwards sought out and honored with an interview in the General's tent; for the accidental encounter had evoked many pleasant reminiscences in Chevis's mind, and among other questions he wished to ask what had become of Jerry Shaw's daughter.

"She's dead—long ago," answered Hi Bates. "She died afore the winter war over the year ez yer war a-huntin' thar. She never hed good sense ter my way o' thinkin', nohow, an' one night she run away an' walked 'bout fifteen mile through a big snow-storm. Some say it settled on her chist. Anyhow, she jes sorter fell away like afterward, an' never held up her head good no more. She always war a slim little critter, an' looked like she war tetch'd in the head."

There are many things that suffer unheeded in those mountains: the birds that freeze on the trees; the wounded deer that leaves its cruel kind to die alone; the despairing, flying fox with its pursuing train of savage dogs and men. And the jutting crag whence had shone the campfire she had so often watched—her star set forever—looked far over the valley beneath, where in one of those sad little rural graveyards she had been laid so long ago.

But Reginald Chevis has never forgotten her. Whenever he sees the earliest star spring into the evening sky, he remembers the answering red gleam of that star in the valley.



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And sent them softly through a world of mist.

Dear God! Upon this shore where men abide
I waved them out, like birds upon the foam.
Now, in the glaring noon, so gold and wide,
I grope for dreams like some lost child for home.

—Katherine Hale.

The Strategy of Eliza Jane Bohunna

By Seumas MacManus.



LIZA JANE she lived in the very next townland to myself, an' it's well I mind her. She was one of the hard-headed Scotch that we have so many of in this end of Ireland. An' hard-headed as she was, every mortal bit was she as hard-handed, for, like her industrious kind, she wrought sore an' fast, from four o'clock on Monday mornin' till eleven on Saturday night, with cows an' pigs, tubs, pots an' kettles.

An' that was small shame to her, an' less harm; for the boys of her own kind who were on the outlook for the makin' of a good wife set more value on a rough hand than on a fine face, an' considered a strong arm fitter than a purty phiz, any day, for a farmer's wife—for that was their way of lookin' at things, though it wasn't ours.

An' as this Liza Jane, independent of her kitchen an' farm-yard acquirements, was given out for a hundred pounds of dry money, there was, as ye may well suspect, a tremendous traffic of boys come afther her. But its little encouragement they got from Eliza Jane; she considered coortin' a ridiculous waste

house. In was in Andy McClarnin's neighborhood, an' she knew well Andy would be there, because, bein' a boy of renowned capacity in the feedin' line, he almost passed his winter travellin' from one public bun-worry to another (overpolite people call them tay-parties) in his own parish an' in the next parishes to it, an' was reported once to have accounted for five buns over an' beyond Long Rabin MacHamrigh—though Rabin had been fastin' from the night afore, an' Bab's Andy had only done without his dinner. Anyhow, Bab's Andy was at the Alt-a-roo tay-party sure enough, an' Liza Jane pushed up an' took her seat beside him, an' put speak on him, an' give him points about the rearin' of calves, an' the right sort of a drink to give a cow that's got the Complaint—till the tay begun to be served an' the buns to go 'round. She so interested Bab's Andy that he proposed to walk home with her. An' he took the opportunity of their starlight sthroll to talk romantically of the darlin' fine price pigs were fetchin' in the last fair of Donegal. An' when they parted at the gate, Liza Jane had undertaken to go to meetin', to the Killymard Meetin'-house, next Sunday night, an' he was to be there, an' see her safe home.

Liza Jane got a new skirt thrown to-



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of time that a pair of tomfools, only, might engage in; an' as for marryin' the most of the lads that presented themselves, she said she wouldn't make dish-clouts of them, to wipe a pot.

This, I say, she thought of most of the neighbor boys, but not of all. There was one, Andy McClarnin, or Bab's Andy, as he was better known, by reason, as there was a roughness of full namesakes of his in the same part, each was easier known by tellin' whose son he was—an' his father's name was Bab. Anyway, this Bab's Andy was no eyesore to Liza Jane, for he had a fine farm that fed five milch-cows, an' give him ten head of stock to sell off every harvest: his father, poor man, was five years dead. An' Bab's Andy was neither lame nor lazy, an' looked on both sides of a ha'penny afore spendin' it; an' it was generally understood that he had as much wit (of the world's sort) to spare as would make five fools wise.

An' Liza Jane Bohunna, knowin' that she had come to the time of day to look about her an' think of a likely man, saw that, all things considered, she couldn't get, an' wouldn't ask for, a better or a warmer sittin'-down than Bab's Andy's. An' accordin'ly she made up her mind that she'd marry Bab's Andy—in case the boy was anyways middlin' willin'.

So Liza Jane bought a new hat, an' went—for the second time in her life—to a bun-worry in the Alt-a-roo School-

gether for herself, to keep the new hat in countenance, an' went to meetin' as often now in one month as she had troubled it in three months afore, till Mr. McPollin, the minister, noticin' it, remarked that Eliza Jane Bohunna was very seriously turnin' to religion.

An' Liza Jane now likewise become a religious attender at all the tay-parties in the three parishes, an' magic-lantern entertainments, an' night lectures by missionaries who had just come back from terrible adventures among the black haythen. An' Bab's Andy fetched her home safe from every one of them—an' as a reward for his dutifulness larnt more in three months about the proper way of rearin' up young pigs than he had larnt in half his life afore. An' time afther time, as she unfolded bit by bit of her extraordinary stock of knowledge about the right feedin' an' breedin' of all manner of farm-bastes, the worship of Bab's Andy for her was growin' greater and greater, till at last he looked on her as an angel that drooped through the thrap-door of heaven.

When that winter was through with, Liza Jane looked back on it with an aisy conscience, considered she had done her fair share of the coortin', an' that she might very well afford now to sit down an' fold her arms an' let Bab's Andy do the rest.

But, for all that, she didn't know Bab's Andy through an' through. He was a backward boy, an' he was a nar-

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vous lad. So when Liza Jane begun to aise off her end of the coortship, to give Bab's Andy a chance, his shyness then overtuk him, an' his narvousness knocked him over complete. An' he come far seldomer to see her, through if his will was as sthrong as his wish he'd come coortin' seven nights in the week, not countin' Sunday.

But the followin' winter, Liza Jane, considerin' it one of the corplar works of marcy to encourage the narvoused him again as hard as she did a twel'-month afore; she coorted him on the rearin' of pigs, an' she coorted him on the breedin' of calves, an' on the feedin' of milch-cows, an' the nourishment of two-year-ould bullocks; she coorted him on the sowin' of corn, on the plantin' of praties, an' on the raisin' of Swede turnips; an' she coorted him on the care an' handlin' of every individual brute baste in a farmer's back yard.

An' right kindly the boy tuk to it: an' afther every fresh conversational coort with Liza Jane, Bab's Andy fell deeper an' deeper in love, till there was little more than the tips of his ears stickin' out.

The next summer Liza Jane aised off, an' Bab's Andy was overtuk by the narvousness once more.

An' this was the way that the coortship of Liza Jane an' Bab's Andy went on—barrin' that he had made up his mind to come to ax her thirty-two times, an' did come to ax her two times, come as far as the back of the house, an' then run for home like the devil.

At the tail-end of four years' coortship Liza Jane begun to be not too plaised with proceedin's. An' fair good raison, too, the poor girl had.

"Mother," says she of a night when both herself an' her mother was sittin' over the kitchen fire, "mother," says Liza Jane, says she, "to tell ye gospel-truth, myself doesn't rightly know what the blatherskite means—for a blatherskite he is, an' it's only a blatherskite would act as he's been actin'. Do ye know what Madgie Morris told me the day afore yestherday? She told me as a dead saicret—an' she herself had it from Ritchie Spiers as a dead saicret—that Bab's Andy come to ax me three times—no less—an' fetched Ritchie with him each of the times; an' every single one of the three times he tuk fright an' run for home like a longshanks. The first time he come—it was October last, was a twel'-month, Madgie sayed—he stood behind the house like a frozen wild-fowl for two mortal hours considerin' whether he'd go in or not, an' he kept poor Ritchie standin' shiverin' there all the time, an' the teeth in his head rattlin' with the cold, like a dhresser of delph; an' at the tail-end of the two hours he went home, tellin' Ritchie he just thought he'd take another night at it an' come early. An' it was May afore he made up his mind again, an' axed Ritchie to come with him. He thraveled 'round the house when he come, an' round the house ten times—just, Ritchie sayed, for all the worl' like Joshia circumventin' Jerryco; an' when he was tired of this exercise, he sayed to Ritchie that the narvousness had overtuk him, an' he'd have to take another new night at it, an' come earlier still. An' when they come again, three months later, Ritchie somehow suddenly missed Andy from his side, just as th' were dhrawin' on the house, an' when he lifted his eyes, he only caught a gleek of his white moleskin trousers as he cleared the mearin'-ditch on the hill above, gallopin' for home as if the devil was at his heels. That's Bab's Andy, the blatherskite, for ye, mother—a promisin' son-in-law!"

"The boy is narvous," says the mother, says she.

"As narvous as a cat," says the daughter, "an' likewise don't know his own mind any more than the man in the moon's. Bad scan to him, for the amadan he is!"

"Arrah, Liza Jane," says the mother, says she, "don't be sore on the poor boy."

"Mother," says Liza Jane, says she "I have just been considerin' in my own mind, over the whole thing, an' I've come to the conclusion that I must take Bab's Andy in hands—made a spoon or spoil a horn."

"Liza Jane darlin', what do ye mean?" says the mother, says she.

"I mean what I say," says Liza Jane, says she.

"Liza Jane," says the mother, says she, lookin' her hard, "surely it isn't that you mean to ax him?"

"Mother," says she, "there's more ways of invitin' a man to sit down than lowerin' him with a blackthorn—an' you ought to be come to the time of day to know that."

"Surely, that's so," says the mother thinkin'.

"I have let Bab's Andy fool 'round me for long enough," says Liza Jane. "I mean," goes on she, "to have him, once an' for all, make up his mind on this matter whether he wants to make a wife of me or not—I mean that he'll it up, or I'll make it up for him purty quick."

"Brave woman ye are, Liza Jane," says the mother, says she.

"An' on next Sunday night, too, he'll make his decision."

"The jewel ye are, Liza Jane!"

An' when, on the next Sunday night poor Andy, poor sowl, come ploddin' to Liza Jane's it's little he suspected the thraps that was laid down for him to walk into.

There wasn't any one in the kitchen when he lifted the latch an' come into it, but Liza Jane herself. An' he was glad of this—he little suspected the mother was in the room by, with her ear to the key-hole.

"Liza Jane," says he, "how's yer four bones?"

"Bravely then, I thank you," says Liza Jane, says she, as she swep' up a place for him to sit down, an' wiped a chair with her apron, an' saited it for him. "Sit down there, Andy, an' tell me how's the worl' usin' yerself."

"I cant' squeal at all, at all," says he, "as times go." Then he looks 'round the kitchen, an' says, "Is there no one here but yerself the night, Liza Jane?"

"There is," says Liza Jane, says she, dhrawin' forrid a sait for herself, forn-inst Andy; "there is," says she.

"Aren't you here, too?"

"Ha, ha, ha, ha!" says Bab's Andy, says he, laughin' as sthrong as himself well could. "It's you are the dhroll girl. I meant to say," says he, "that your mother an' them is gone, an' left us to ourselves."

"My mother an' them," says she, "went one road an' another, to see the 100-bors, an' left me to myself."

"Which," says Bab's Andy, says he, "was noways kindly of them tor'st ye."

"Which," says Liza Jane, says she, calm, an' lookin' steady into the fire, "was very, very good of them."

"Good of them!" says Andy, says he.

"Was very, very good of them," says she, "considerin' that they knew I needed a quate hour to myself to discuss in me mind a very serious matter—in fact, I may say an extrahordinary matter."

Bab's Andy he was all taken back, an' the face on him got lengthy at once, an' he says, "Oh! I beg yer pardon, Liza Jane."

"An extrahordinary serious matter, as I was sayin'," she went on, as cool an' calm, "an' one that wants a good deal of deliberation; an' one, moreover, that I'm mortal glad to have ye. here, to talk it over with ye."

"Oh!" says Bab's Andy, says he, settlin' himself to hear it, an' lookin' mighty pleased that he was to be consulted.

"An' that I was hopin' in me heart all day ye'd be sure to come the night; that I might talk it over with ye."

"Thanky, thanky, Liza Jane," says he.

"For," says she, "it's such a matter that there's only one man in the worl' I could talk it over with—an' that's you."

"I'm proud," says Andy, "I'm proud to know it, Liza Jane."

"A very, very serious matter, as I sayed," says she.

"Exactly," says Bab's Andy, hitchin' forrid, an' rubbin' his hands.

"An' one that'll likely affect all me life, from this time forth," says she, an' waited.

But all Andy says was, "Indeed? Indeed, Liza Jane?"

"For better, for worse," says she, playin' a thrump-card at last, "for richer, for poorer, for good or for ill."

Poor Andy, it seemed like a dhraim to him that he'd heerd something like them words somewhere or other afore, but it puzzled him for a minute to mind what it was about. So he give it up,



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an' remarked, "Just so, Liza Jane. Indeed, so?"

An' then says she, "For richer, I sayed, for poorer, for good or for ill, from this time henceforth." Then she waited a wee bit, to give him another chance—though if she'd waited durin' the nine lives of a cat it would never get into Andy's skull. "Andy McClarnin," she says, don't ye see what I'm dhrivin' at?"

Poor Andy looked all confused, an' ashamed of himself, an' says he, "Faith, an' I don't, then, Liza, know from Adam down what ye're dhrivin' at, at all, at all."

"Bab snuff to ye!" says she, outright; "bad snuff to ye, for a numskull! Ye've a head that can see about as much as Paddy Managhan's turf-spade!"

"I know it—I know it, Liza Jane," says Andy, says he, blushin' all over. "Me poor father, when he was alive, used to say if he owned a wheelbarrow that had less brains nor me, he'd make matchwood of it."

"I don't doubt it at all, troth, I don't doubt it," says Liza Jane, seavairly. "Well will ye understand me when I say that I'm thinkin' I had best marry an' settle down."

Troth, that was plain enough for a pallin'-post to understand. So it's very little wonder that Andy did.

But the suddintness of it tuk his breath away for the first instant. An' the next, it was a dart of delight meandhered through him, from the crown of his head to the sole of his fut. Here had he himself been for four years tryin' to gather enough courage to put the question to her, an' now here was Liza Jane makin' up his mind for him!

"Liza Jane, says he, 'it's both pleased an' proud I am to hear ye say so. Ye're a jewel of a woman, an' the greatest girl that walks the worl' the day, an'—"

"Marry," says she "an' settle down," perfectly cool an' calm, an' never seemin' to see Andy's raptures at all. "An'," says she, "I was waitin', very anxious, to have your opinion on it."

"An' my opinion," says he with his head hangin', "is that though ye've done many wise things in your life, ye never done anything wiser; an'—an'—for—for myself—"

"Thanky, Andy," says she, snappin' him up afore she'd let him go any further; "thanky. I feel comforted now that I see you think it wise an' favor it."

"Think it wise!" says Andy, says he. "Favor it! Why, my darlin'," says he, gettin' more confidence in himself an' sidlin' up his chair, an' reachin' out his hand to take a hold of hers, "why my darlin', sure, that's what I've been wishin' for, in my heart, for—"

But Liza Jane very suddintly, as if she didn't see him reachin', stretched out her hand, an' tuk a hold of the tongs, an' begun to mend up the fire. an' says she, cuttin' him off in the middle of what he was goin' to say, says she, "Seein' that I'm come to that time of day now to have sense for myself, if I'm ever goin' to have it—" Liza Jane was six-and-thirty, every hour of it.

"Yes," says Andy, encouragin'ly, though the narvousness overtuk him again; "yes," says he, encouragin'ly.

"An' it was about time I'd think of settlin', if I'm ever goin' to settle—"

"Yes," says Andy.

"An' seein' that I have a hundhred pounds at me back—"

"Yes," says Andy.

"A hundhred pounds," says she, not to mention the sprinkled cow, which comes to me likewise—"

"Yes, yes."

"An' two two-year-ould stires—"

"Yes, Liza; yes."

"An' a pair of me choice of the young pigs—"

"Brave girl! Brave girl!" says Andy, says he.

"Besides plenishin'—"

"Yes, aye."

"A bed an' beddin', three chairs an' a table, a churn an' crocks, a stock of delft—"

"Good! Good!" says he.

"An' a store of linen," says Liza Jane, says she.

"Magnificent!" says Andy.

"Seein' I have all that—"

"Exactly," says Andy.

"An' seein' moreover," says she slow-er, "seein' moreover," says she, "that

I've been axed—" An' then she closed her mouth hard, an' waited.

"Ah-h-h!" says Bab's Andy, says he with a purty puzzlin' look comin' over his countenance.

"Axed by a boy," says Liza Jane, an' closed her mouth again.

"Ye-ye-yes," says Andy, says he, tryin' to recollect when, in the name of wondher, he had axed her, an' comin' to the conclusion that he must 'a' been walkin' in his sleep some time or other. "Seein'," says Liza Jane, says she, "that I've been axed by one, last Saturday night was a week."

Andy was ten times puzzleder than afore.

"Axed," says she, "on Saturday night last was a week, by a boy with a big farm, from the Dhrimholme parish," an' she begun pilin' more turf on the fire.

An' Andy he turned first like the fire-blaze, an' next like the lime-wall, in the face. An' he fussed in his chair as if he had got down upon the point of a pin or something.

"An'," says Liza Jane, says she, puttin' the last turf on the fire, "an'," says she, "it's mighty hearty glad I am that your opinion about marryin' is the same as my own!"

"Ye-ye-yes," says Andy, says he.

"Bekase," says she, "as I sayed, there's none whose opinion an' advice I'd set afore yours, or sooner have."

"Ye-ye-yes," says poor Andy, tryin' for to twist the word out of himself, an' he now lookin' the picture of Black Death in the face. "Ye-yes-yes, surely," says he: "that is," says he, like a dhrondin' man plugin' at a shraw, "I mean to say, 'No, surely.'"

"What?" says Liza Jane, says she suddintly dhroppin' the tongs. "Do you mean, Andy, that no, surely, ye don't advise me to get married?"

"Liza Jane," says Andy, at a dash. "that's it."

"There ye are," says Liza Jane, lettin' her hands dhrup, and lettin' herself fall back in her chair, "there ye are," says she, "an' me thinkin' all along that it was approv'in' ye were. Well, Andy McClarnin, there never was a bigger puzzle nor you in the almanac."

"Liza Jane," says he, "I humbly beg your pardon. So I was approv'in'—but then I thought—I thought—" An' there Andy's tongue got somehow or other into a knot.

"Yes," says Liza Jane, says she, to give him a bit of encouragement; "yes," says she.

"I thought—thought," says Andy, says he, shtrugglin', "thought—it wasn't a boy from the Dhrimholme parish ye intended to marry."

"Oh-h-h!" says Liza Jane, says she, relieved. "Is that it? You thought it was a boy in our own parish I was goin' to take," says she, encouragin'ly.

Andy was himself again, an' he says. "Yes, Liza Jane; yes."

"Ye thought it wiser-like to marry a neighbor boy that I knew well, sooner than venture upon a stranger that I knew little, or nothin' at all, at all, about. Is that it, Andy?"

"Them," says Andy, says he, boldly. "is my sentiments, Liza Jane!"

Liza Jane she looked for a minute or two like one in very deep thought, an' her brow wrinkled. "An' maybe," says she, sittin' up suddint, an' lookin' Andy in the face, "an' maybe, troth," says she, "you're right, Andy McClarnin." An' then she shut her mouth with a snap, like one who was decided on a thing.

"Right?" says Andy, says he, still bolder. "Sartinly I'm right!"

"An' I should say 'No' to the lad from Dhrimholme when he comes here the morra mornin'—for he's due then—for his answer?" says she.

"Say 'No,'" says Andy, says he, "an' send him packin'."

"Andy McClarnin," says she firmly. "I see the wisdom of yer words, an' I'll take yer advice. Unless," says she then, slower an' more thoughtful-like, "unless," says she, "I should change my mind atween now an' then. An' now, Andy, says she, "like the good boy ye are, will ye tell me which of the parish you thought it was that I was goin' to marry?"

In the wink of a midge's eye the courage of Bab's Andy was gone off out of him again, an' he was blushin' all over.

Says Liza Jane, says she, "Did ye think it was Mosie McClure?"

"No," says Bab's Andy.

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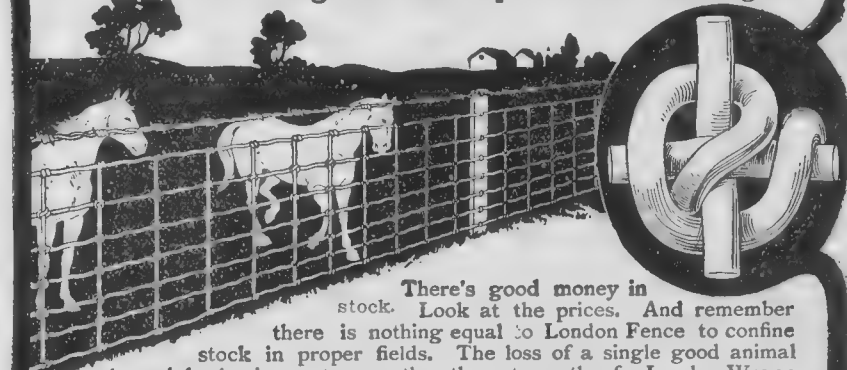
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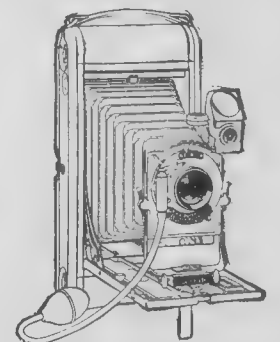
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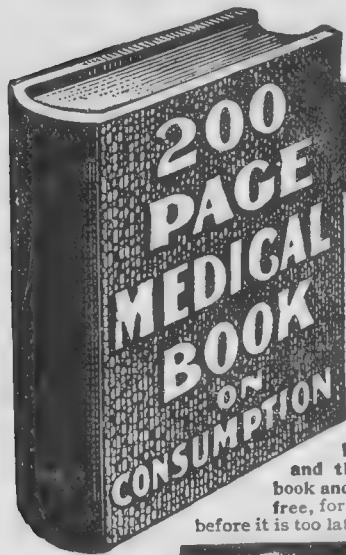
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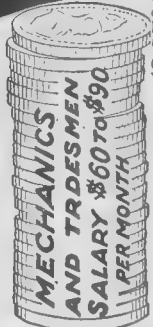
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"Nor Sam Long?" says she.
"Nor Sam Long," says Bab's Andy.
"Nor it surely wasn't Rabbie Walker?"
"No, it wasn't," says Bab's Andy.
"Then," says she, still smillin' bewitchin' at him, "then it must 'a' been big Tammas McJunkin?"
"No, no, no," says Andy, says he movin', mighty onaisy in his seat, "none of them—none of them."

"Then in wondher's name," says Liza Jane, says she, turnin' to him, an' lookin' him square, "in wondher's name," says she, "who do ye mean that I was going to marry?"

An' when she put it to him plank this way, an' tuk him at the hop, poor Andy' poor sowl, saw it was do or die—or maybe do an' die—with him. On the spur of the moment then he made up his mind anyhow to do—let him live or die afther.

"An' I thought," says he, "Liza Jane, it was myself ye were goin' to marry."

Liza Jane she got a face on her that would freeze a lough, an' drew herself up, an' says she, "I beg your pardon, Mither McClarnin"—she wouldn't consent to know Andy McClarnin just then—"I beg yer pardon, Mither McClarnin," says she—an' poor Andy when he seen the sight of her an' heard the words of her, went as weak as a dish-clout—"I beg yer pardon, Mither Mc-

thing to you than I would cut my head off. Sure ye know, an' know, that if I didn't ax ye in words it wasn't for want of the wish, but the will, for four years gone. Ye know, an' know, that it was only fear kep' me from sayin' the words to ye—I mean to say ye should know. I wanted ter ax yer, an' I come to ax ye three times, an' the fright overtuk me, an' I run home like a hare. I'm a dunce, Liza Jane, an' a amadan, an' a blatherskite, an' gomerel, all rowled up in one. An' there I am now," says he, givin' up for want of breath, "an' do what ye like with me."

But as Bab's Andy had gone on, Liza Jane's look was changin' an' changin', an' when he finished, her look was as mild an' gentle as a lamb's.

An' then she hung her head a wee bit, an' sthrove her level best to blush, an' says she, "Oh, Andy, Andy! An' ye never breathed a word of this to me afore! An' I never suspected it! No, no, it's me is the dunce—it's me is the dunce, Andy!"

Poor Andy's heart, when he saw the change in her, come up again from the bottom of his boots, an' was thumpin' against the crown of his skull, wantin' room to rise. "An," says he, "Liza Jane Bohunnan, then ye don't take it ill—me thinkin' of ye?"

"Andy McClarnin," says she, "ye know this is suddint—very suddint. An'



"I beg yer pardon, Mither McClarnin," says she, "but I hope in my heart, an' sincerely thrust, that ye didn't mean to insinuate . . . that I meant to offer to marry you—you, Mither McClarnin, or any other man that steps in shoe-leather this day?"

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Clarnin," says she, "but I hope in my heart an' sincerely thrust, that ye didn't mean to insinuate—even in the inside of yourself—that I meant to offer to marry you—you, Mither McClarnin, or any other man that steps in shoe-leather this day—to offer myself to marry you without your first axin' me, Mither McClarnin? I say I hope an' thrust that it wasn't your intention to make any such an insinuation against my reputation? I hope it, I hope it, I say!"

"Och, och, I ask an' beg," says poor Andy, says he, an' him in such a state of distress as might melt the heart of a millstone, "I ask an' beg," says he, "an' implore of ye a hundherd thousand pardons for my ignorance in puttin' the thing as I did. But sure ye know, an' know in the inside of yer heart an' sowl, that I would no more even such a

myself is flustered, an'—an' narvous a bit, an'— But if ye insist on an answer on the spur of the moment," says she, "I don't believe I do take it ill, at all, at all."

"An' Liza Jane Bohunnan," says Andy, says he, gettin' the narve as Liza Jane lost it. "Liza Jane Bohunnan," says he, "will ye consent from this time forrard to wet yer wee grain of tay in my tay-pot?"

"Andy McClarnin," says she, "ye're a daicent, in dustrious boy, an' come of daicent, industrious people, an'—an' myself doesn't know but—but—maybe I could do worse."

I danced at the weddin' of Bab's Andy an' Liza Jane myself; an' I will say it that a bigger or biter night's diversion wasn't in that quarter of the country either afore or since.



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Correspondence

This month we submit another grist of letters received from readers interested in the matrimonial question. It is another evidence that our bachelor readers are not losing interest in this department. We are pleased to be of service to our readers and so long as they wish us to continue this correspondence feature and show interest in what we are doing for them in this respect, just so long will we continue this feature. If you desire to form the acquaintance of any lady writer writing in the correspondence columns of this magazine, address the Western Home Monthly, enclosing in a sealed envelope with stamp attached, letter intended for such writer as you may designate and we will forward it through the mail to the party intended it for. When writing us, please give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

A Frank Letter.

Earling, Alta., Feb. 11, 1909.

Editor.—With much pleasure I have seized the W. H. M. for the past few months and eagerly perused each line of a certain varying number of columns entitled "Correspondence," but being of a very shy disposition (at times), I have, I am afraid, wasted much valuable time, but I hope it is not too late for me to become a member. No need to fear, boys, even if Leap Year is not quite up! This is just one more addition to the bachelor maids' corner and this one addition is so meek that she has been for many past weeks—nay, months,—struggling to overcome her shyness and come forward and give a description of herself. But descriptions are not in my line. They must be truthful, I fear. Now, boys, will it suffice if I say that I am not nearly on the border-line between twenty and thirty, am tall (not too tall), dark, and rather slight, and—no, I will not say that I am beautiful. I never was conceited enough even to say that and am not going to try now to pass it off slyly on paper, but, I will say that the other members of my family are considered handsome. Will that do, boys?

Nor am I going to spin off all my accomplishments here for the eyes of the public. Will it not be quite sufficient if I say that once for one whole summer I kept house with a rather peevish aunt and never heard her grumble against my neatness, cooking, piano-playing—but here, I said I would not spin off my accomplishments.

I have not yet hung out any "For sale" posters nor do I intend to, but should any young gentleman—what do you say to this, "Handy Andy"?—think that he might be able to derive some pleasure out of correspondence with me, why, all I have to say is that I should take very much pleasure indeed in answering his letters.

"Geranium."

A Chance for the Irish.

Strathcona, Alta., Feb. 15, 1909.

Editor.—I have read with interest from time to time your most interesting magazine and think your correspondence department takes the cake for amusement as well as sensibility and is well worth the price. I get the use of a cousin's copy but when I go home I intend to add my name to your list. I am one of the lonely ones out here in this great West of ours. If I only had a better half I think things would go champion, as one can not do much on a claim if they have to undertake household duties as well as their own. I have fifty acres broken in a good prairie country, have good comfortable house and barn, also well sunk. Ours is a well settled district with good neighbors all around; all we lack is some of the fair sex to liven it up a bit.

I will give a description of myself, so if any young lady wishes to correspond I shall be only too glad to answer any and all letters, and maybe I shall have luck as to a future helpmate. I am 32 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weigh 165 pounds, have blue eyes and fair hair. I am very fond of music and do a bit of singing and enjoy a good dance or anything else that makes life light and agreeable, "A Dublin Boy."

Must Be Scotch or Irish.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 2, 1909.

Editor.—I have been an interested reader of your magazine for the past four years, and now I would like to try my luck in the correspondence column. I have written to you before, but I guess my poor letter found its way to the waste paper basket.

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humble self; well here goes. I am Scotch, age 24, height 5 feet 7 inches, dark auburn hair and brown eyes, weight 140 pounds, a good housekeeper and neat dresser, fond of skating and dancing. I would like to meet with a nice farmer about 35 or 40 years of age and he must be Scotch or Irish. I don't object to a man who takes a drink once in a while, but would have nothing to do with a drunkard or a man who uses foul language. I might say I was brought up on a farm in the Old Country and have had to earn my own living ever since I have been out here. Now I guess I have said enough for this time for, after all, it may find its way to the waste paper basket. My address will be found with the editor.

"Heather."

Lonely Homesteader Wants Correspondents.

Tisdale, Sask., Feb. 26, 1909.

Editor.—Although I am not a subscriber to your valuable paper, the W. H. M., I get nearly every copy from a neighbor and take great interest in the correspondence columns, and have at last decided to write and ask if I may join.

I am a lonely young homesteader and come of a good English family. I am 24 years old and am about 5 feet 5 inches in height, but regret to say I am quite deaf, although can talk well. I do not gamble, drink or chew, but always enjoy a pipe now and then. I am a Protestant, Church of England. I am afraid I could not afford to get married just at present but should like to correspond with some pretty and gentle young lady of about my own height and 22 years of age. I should prefer one who has long black or dark brown hair and who can cook and do needlework. I have a good quarter section of land and hope to have a crop next year. My father has been dead nearly 12 years and also I have 3 sisters dead, and the youngest sister is still living in the Old Country with my mother. I have had no brothers. My second sister passed away on June 19th last in Munich, Bavaria; she had been at college in Switzerland and was shortly returning home when she was taken ill just two months before she died. It was a terrible blow to me as I have not seen any of my own people for just 4 years. I feel very lonely on my homestead as I live all alone and often wish I had a dear little wife to cheer me up. If any young lady will condescend to write to me I shall be very pleased to answer her. My name and address will be with the editor. Trusting this is not too long for publication and wishing the W. H. M. every success.

"Lonely Homesteader."

From Sweet Sixteen.

Kenora, Ont., Feb. 15, 1909.

Editor.—In previously reading several issues of your magazine, the Western Home Monthly, I was much interested, my attention being particularly drawn to the page of correspondence which afforded me many moments of pleasure in the evenings. I have been a student at college for eight years, having studied Latin and German, and have a good literary education. I have also taken a course for Toronto college of music, passing with first class honors. In regard to domestic work, I am far from expert, but yet I think I can do my share in nearly everything. I notice as I read in several of your papers that quite a number of girls object to a man who smokes, chews, drinks, etc. Now for a man who smokes, I do not see any harm in it whatever as it is a great comfort to a hard worker. I see that everybody gives a description of themselves; I will now do the same. I

am a girl of 16, weighing 98 pounds, with dark brown hair, blue eyes and fair complexion. Anybody who wishes to know more about me will kindly correspond. I will leave address with editor, and wishing greatest success to the W. H. M. and hoping the editor will pardon me for taking precious space, I will bring this letter to a close, signing my name

"Catheline."

This One is Fond of Photography.

Alberta, Feb. 10, 1909.

Editor.—Though not a subscriber to the W. H. M. have become interested in it and especially the correspondence column.

My home, until a few months ago, has been down in sunny Ontario where we did not often see correspondence columns in which there were letters from people who wished to correspond with members of the opposite sex with a view to matrimony.

I very much agree with the young lady (I have forgotten her name) who speaks in the August number of girls writing such foolish letters; "throwing themselves at people's heads," etc. I am of the opinion, though, that much pleasure and knowledge may be gained by corresponding with others in various parts of the globe. I would, therefore, like to correspond with one or two. "Banker," or "Bank Clerk," whose letter appeared in the August numbers if they will write first. I know several bank boys some of whom were very nice.

Part of my life has been spent in the country and part in the town. I must confess that I like city life, though I appreciate the country, too, and consider it a great advantage to a person to begin life on the farm. I am lively, too, and like fun. I have a few handy accomplishments such as music (piano and vocal), dancing, drawing and elocution. Am also fond of photography. Should like to hear from some one interested in pen and ink work, as that is quite a hobby of mine. But I should very much like to ride horseback and be able to swim.

I do not care much about describing myself but it might be as well to say that I am not at all ancient, being just 17, and am of fair complexion.

Hoping to see this letter in print, I shall sign myself,

"Just a Kid."

A Voice from Ontario.

Ontario, Feb. 17, 1909.

Editor.—Ever since I have been a subscriber to your most excellent journal I have been an interested reader of the correspondence page. Its many letters are sometimes amusing but at times also instructive. This exchange of ideas regarding ourselves and our fellowmen is a good one. We become acquainted with people though probably separated many miles. Our minds also by this means seem to broaden and our sympathies are aroused to the activities and ambitions of our fellowmen. We are as links in a great chain which began in creation and will extend till time is no more, and we should thus manifest an interest in one another.

I am also only one of the poor lonely bachelors we hear so much about and we certainly appreciate the sympathy of our lady friends, which does at least sometimes have the effect of melting the hard and stony heart of the timid bachelor. With all the tumbles, sorrows, disappointments and regrets of which bachelors are heir to, I still enjoy myself, though nearing twice twenty and still enjoy my sport with the boys as well as ever. Well, I am giving a description of myself though probably some one in my home town could do so more satisfactorily. I am near the 6 foot mark, good natured,

though not what one would call homely or handsome. I am a teetotaler and a Christian, but have my big, big faults. Though not matrimonially inclined, will be pleased to correspond with ladies between 20 and 30. Wishing your journal every success. My address is with the editor.

"Sterling Johnny."

Ontario Girl Has Her Say.

Ontario, Jan. 20, 1909.

Editor.—May I come in and have a little talk, too? I am not from the West, but I have a great number of friends and acquaintances in different parts of the western provinces and also in Washington, Nebraska and Montana.

I take the greatest pleasure in reading the W. H. M. Its correspondence column is very interesting. Will some of the lonely bachelors and also any other "bachelors" please condescend to waste a few minutes some evening and write to me. I will answer all correspondence, providing it is from respected young gentlemen.

Deceit is one of my pet aversions, so please do not put it in your letters. I liked the letters signed "Challenge," "Happy Lad," and "Sauerkraut Bill," and I would especially be pleased to hear from them.

I will not, like "Bright Eyed Little Birdie," take up too much of your valuable space in describing myself, but hope to see my letter in print.

I will now close, wishing my favorite magazine every success. I will leave my address with our kind editor.

"Two Knicker."

Thinks He's the Whole Cheese.

Fraser River, Jan. 15, 1909.

Editor.—I have been a subscriber for a long while and I have made up my mind to write as I see the rest of the members are doing the same.

Well, to begin, I live in the part of British Columbia they call the Fraser River Valley, known all over the Dominion for its fruit. I have been over most of British Columbia and think this is the best portion for fruit and general farming purposes.

I guess I had better describe myself before going any further. I stand 5 feet 7 inches, weigh 165 pounds, with a regular B. C. complexion, which is fair with rosy cheeks; am good looking, at least everybody tells me so. I am very fond of dancing and all kinds of sport such as driving a buggy with two or three girls going to a dance or picnic.

I have a nice little farm on the banks of the Fraser River and a team of drivers and buggy, so you see I always stand in pretty good with the girls, especially in the winter when there are a few dances and concerts.

I would like to correspond with some of the girls if they would write first, including "Vangy," "Airy Fairy Lillian," "School Girl," and any others about my own age (22) who care to write. I will now close, hoping to hear from some of the members soon. Wishing the editor success, I will sign as I feel,

"A Lone Star."

Queen Mab Can Shoot.

Paynton, Feb. 1, 1909.

Editor.—I have been looking for my letter to appear in your W. H. M., having sent one some time ago. But it could not have been suitable, so I will try again. I spend many pleasant hours reading your valuable magazine, not only your correspondence page, but the magazine as a whole; it is certainly a fine paper. Some of the letters are very interesting. I think some of the bachelors have very good ideas, although I don't want them to think I am looking for one yet. When I make

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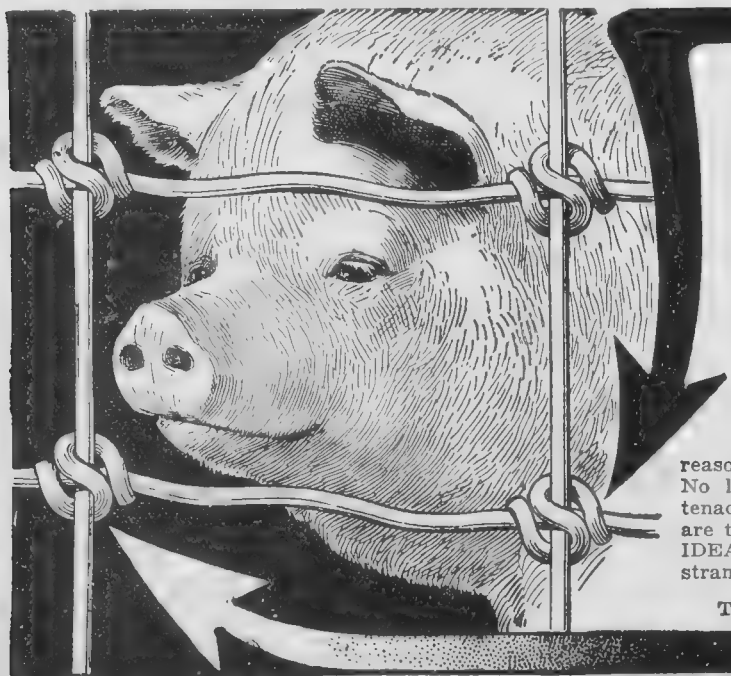
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up my mind to have one, I don't think I will be as hard to suit as I think the woman helps to make man. There are very few young men, or girls either, perfect so I don't expect one, although I would like to have the best to be had. Selfish, isn't it? As for myself, I am just fairly good looking, fond of dancing, I know something of music, and I am very fond of the gun. I often go out in shooting season and have great sport. Sometimes I miss a shot, but on the whole I think I get as many as my brother with as few shells. I can hitch, drive and ride a horse, and do general housework and would not turn my back on milking cows or even feeding calves if it is necessary. It is rather lonely here, but I suppose we should not grumble as it is a new country and hope it will improve. I am 22 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weigh 116 pounds. I am a Canadian and am proud of it. I am of fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair. If any young lady or gentleman would like to correspond I will leave my address with the editor. "Queen Mab."

Gives Recipe for Loneliness.

Goose Lake, Sask., Feb. 17, 1909.
Editor.—As a reader of your valuable magazine I think the correspondence column very amusing.

I am one of those Western homesteaders and think this is a healthy climate. As for a bachelor getting lonesome; if he gets a few head of stock around him he will not get lonesome. I have eleven head of cattle and four horses, some pigs, and fowl, a dog and four cats, and you bet I am never lonesome.

I am 28 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weigh 160 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, neither smoke, chew nor drink; am fond of music and dancing, hunting and saddle riding. If any of the readers wish to write to me I will answer all letters. Please forward enclosed letter to "Baby Bug," Winnipeg, of October number.

"Old Mariner."

Lives Thirty Miles from "Nowhere."

Alberta, Feb. 20, 1909.

Editor.—I have been a reader of the W. H. M. for a number of years and enjoy it very much, especially the correspondence column.

I will now describe myself. I am 5 feet 6½ inches tall, dark complexion, weigh 130 pounds. I am a rancher living thirty miles from nowhere.

I would like to correspond with "A Daisy Bell," if she would write first; her letter appeared in the November number. My address is with the editor. Hoping this will escape the waste basket, I am "A Country Kid."

"Glengarry" Takes His Pen in Hand.

Sintaluta, Sask., Feb. 23, 1909.

Editor.—With great interest have I been reading for the past few months the valuable and edifying columns of your worthy magazine. Though intensely interesting throughout, I think the correspondence columns of your paper hold for the young people a greater attraction than is elsewhere to be found. I think it only right that by some means the young people be brought more in touch with one another and I know of no better way than through the columns of your magazine.

Strange it seems to me that matrimony should be the chief topic; however, I suppose since others give their opinions I am entitled to give mine. I really do not approve of catching something in some way, be it great or small. Of course, it is quite possible and probable that the outcome of some of the acquaintances thus brought about will be matrimony. I cannot see how any one could expect to live in peace and happiness with one whose only motive in marrying was to have some one to care for them, and surely we are running a great risk when we seek a partner in this way, considering the capriciousness of humans. Would we not be taking a leap in the dark anyway? However, I do not expect all others to see as I do, but it is well to weigh the matter carefully and regard it as a most sacred transaction, worthy of at least a second consideration.

A description is hardly necessary as few may care to know me further. However, I would say that I am 23 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weigh 150 pounds, and as for beauty, you can call and see for yourself. I should like to hear from the person who signs herself "A Daisy Bell," in the November number. Wishing your paper every success.

"Glengarry."

Brown-Eyed Bubbins Interested.

Hurton, Sask., Feb. 23, 1909.

Editor.—For some time I have been watching the correspondence column in the Western Home Monthly and was greatly interested in some of the Western boys' and girls' letters.

"I like the way 'Dottie Dimples' writes and would like to correspond with her. She writes like a sensible girl."

Now, I guess I should give a description of myself as all the rest do. I am 5 feet 10 inches in height, have lovely brown curly hair (so they say) and brown eyes, and I am at the good age of 20 years. Just the age to have a good time. I like dancing—there is quite a lot of dancing done here. There are quite a number of good bachelors around here who would, I am sure, be

benefitted if they would correspond with some of the young people who write to your paper. We are very fond of the Western Home Monthly and watch eagerly for it to come. Hoping to see this in print I will close. With all wishes for the success of your paper and especially the correspondence page I will sign myself "Bubbins."

Partner Wanted.

Medora, Man., Feb. 21, 1909.

Editor.—I am a new subscriber and a highly interested reader of the W. H. M. and would like to find space in your correspondence columns for this letter as I am one of the many bachelors out West here. I would like to make the acquaintance of "Arrah Wanna No. 2" and "Blue Eyes."

I am 21 years of age, have auburn hair, brown eyes, am 5 feet 6½ inches tall and weigh 150 pounds, so I hope this will meet the eye of some young girl about 18 to 20 years of age who would like to share my lot and fight life's battles with me. Hoping this will escape the waste basket and wishing your journal every success.

"Loving Heart."

Not a Bachelor.

Durban, Man., Feb. 16, 1909.

Editor.—I have been reading your correspondence column for some time and decided to join the happy circle. I wrote once before but did not see it in print, so I will try again. I see nearly all the contributors start by giving a description of themselves. Well, I am 23 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, have black hair and blue eyes, and not very handsome. I am not a bachelor as yet but will be as I have a homestead in Saskatchewan. I am a lover of music and play the violin, and dance. I am not looking for a wife yet, but when the right one comes along I will try and make her happy. I would like to correspond with "Baby Bug" or any other of the fair sex who would care to write. I will answer all letters received. Thanking you for the space and wishing you and your paper every success,

"Shy Jack."

You are Welcome, Sister.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 17, 1909.

Editor.—The October issue of the W. H. M. has been read from cover to cover, and must state that I find it very interesting and trust the next issue will prove likewise. I am not a subscriber but the magazine has been given to me by a friend and I will shortly receive the next copy. The correspondence column did not escape my notice, and although I am not a Canadian girl I wish that I might be allowed to enter your pleasure circle.

I quite agree with some of the bachelor brothers that the evenings are long in winter and I should dearly love to correspond with some of the members.

"Mildred."

Girls Scarce as Hens' Teeth.

Sask., Feb. 23, 1909.

Editor.—I have been an interested reader of your valuable paper for some time and would like to join the correspondence column, as I would like to get in touch with some of the other readers, especially the fair sex, to help pass away the long winter evenings.

I am a homesteader in a part of the country where girls are like hen's teeth; it is not everybody that can find them. I would like to hear from any of the girls between ten and fifty if they will write first.

Now, girls, don't be hard on us poor homesteaders who take an occasional smoke, for what would we do to keep ourselves from getting too lonesome? Besides a pipe is about a man's only friend that never chews the rag. But this luxury could be dispensed with if we had a wife that would make the home cheerful and be able to cook, as cooking is one of the worst drawbacks a homesteader has to contend with. I do not mean to say that I would expect a woman to put all her time in working, as I believe she needs as much pleasure as a man. I have noticed some homes where the wife never got away from the home from one week's end to the other while the man was among his neighbors and to town as often as three and four times a week and then did not see why his wife needed to go visiting if she asked him sometime when he did not feel like going, never seeming to consider that she needed any company but his own, and sometimes he was not over pleasant around the house himself.

If I am ever lucky enough to get a wife, I shall try to give her as much pleasure and comfort as is in my power. I believe that any girl that will marry a homesteader and help him make a home is a hundred times better than the girl that will not marry a man until he has gone through all the hardships, as a girl of that type is usually looking more for the home than the man. I prefer the farmer's daughter to the city bred girl for this reason, that the farmer's daughter is more acquainted with the work and ways of the farm than the girl that is reared in the city as she seldom has any idea what farm life is like and as a rule feels the loneliness more than a farmer's daughter who has never been used to the bustle of a city life. I am not musical myself but enjoy singing and music of all kinds and would try, if I got a wife that was musically inclined, to give her all the

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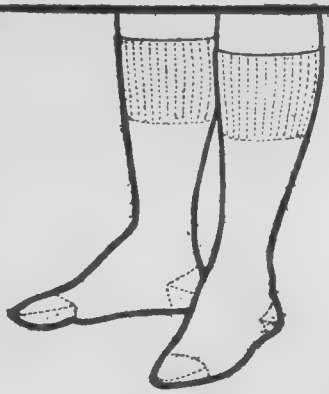
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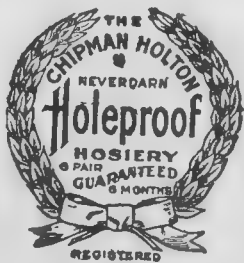
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opportunities I possibly could to indulge in such pastime.

Seeing that it is the custom to give a description of one's self, here goes. I am 5 feet 7 inches tall, weigh 160 pounds, light hair and blue eyes. Do not use liquor in any form but enjoy a pipe as well as anybody. All correspondence will be promptly answered and would feel very thankful to any of the girls that would be kind enough to write to a poor and lonesome bachelor to help him pass away the long evenings of the winter. Hoping this poor attempt will miss the waste paper basket I will sign myself "Fatty Jim."

Come Again, "Orangeman."

Edrans, Man., Feb. 20, 1909.
Editor.—Here I come again to bother you. You will soon be tired forwarding letters for me, won't you? But I have gained one correspondent and expect another one any day, so please forward enclosed letter to "Black Betty," and I won't write any more letters till next month. "Orangeman."

"Hobo" Hits the Trail.

Ontario, Feb. 15, 1909.
Editor.—I am a reader of your most excellent paper, the Western Home Monthly. I especially favor the correspondence page. I think there are some very sensible letters written, while some are—I don't know what. Some girls are very particular; at least they think they are, and I don't blame them one bit. I don't think there is any harm for young folks to correspond with each other for pastime. It helps to keep up their spirits and also get acquainted with each other.
As others all give a description of themselves I will too. I am 20 years of age, weigh 140 pounds and am 5 feet 10½ inches tall; about my beauty I've nothing to say. Forward enclosed letter to "Sunny Rilla," August number. "Hobo."

Please Write to "Emma."

Nova Scotia, Feb. 22, 1909.
Editor.—I have been a subscriber to the Western Home Monthly and I like this paper very well. I read the correspondence columns in this paper and take a great interest in them. I should like to correspond with any lonely bachelor, as I am lonely myself and would like to hear from some of them. I am a Nova Scotian. I live out of town on Yorks Road; I live on a big farm. I would be pleased to hear from some of the Western bachelors. If any of them care to write, why I will answer all their letters. Hoping to hear from you soon. "Emma."

Sensible "Susan."

Armstrong, B. C., Feb. 24, 1909.
Editor.—Here is another interested reader of your paper who wants to join in the ranks of the correspondence columns.
I suppose I am not eligible unless I give a description of myself so I'll commence. In the first place, I am an English girl, have been four years in Canada and like the country and people. I am of medium height and figure, weigh 122 pounds, have dark brown hair and grey eyes, and fair complexion; am 20 years of age. I have lived on a farm in Manitoba and liked the life; have milked cows, made butter, and when necessary have fed the stock. I consider myself a good housekeeper. I think that is sufficient for a description of myself. I have not met many bachelors, there being few where we lived, but I must say we like the average Canadian farmer, and in my opinion the man who can go out to the lonely prairie and "bach" it deserves credit. Well, I must not make this long enough for the waste paper basket as I would rather find space in your columns, so thanking you in advance I will sign myself. "An Eastern Girl."

"A Dandy Boy" Gets Busy.

Ontario, Feb. 19, 1909.
Editor.—I am a subscriber and interested reader of your valuable magazine. This is my first letter to the correspondence column. I wish to gain a few correspondents to help put in the long evenings.
I see it is the custom to give a description of one's self, so here goes. I am 5 feet 10 inches tall, dark complexion, dark brown hair, and weigh 143 pounds. Just love to dance and go driving with the girls. I will ring off, wishing your paper every success. Please forward enclosed letter to "A Daisy Bell," Alberta. "A Dandy Boy."

A Scarcity of Marriageable Women.

Saskatchewan, Feb. 6, 1909.
Editor.—Being a subscriber to your valuable paper it is unnecessary to say that I take quite an interest in the correspondence page.
What do your lady readers think of the following, taken from a New Zealand paper: "What strikes you about Auckland is the dearth of women. It is said to be the same all over New Zealand. There are far more men than women, and lots of men have to go without wives." Personally I do not think that New Zealand is in such an unfortunate state as the West. Around here there are but two young ladies who would be considered old enough to

be married (or otherwise?) with affairs of the heart.

I should be pleased to write to any young ladies about 20 or 25 in the hopes of making their acquaintance, but as it would be very unfair for me to expect them to write first, I will gladly do so if they will just send me their name and address; mine is with the editor. I will not take up your valuable space by describing myself, but I am dark, over 20 and under 30. "Pigweed," Sask.

"Funny Bill" Willing to Perform."

Saskatchewan, Feb. 9, 1909.
Editor.—I am not a subscriber to your valuable paper, but am taking the liberty of writing. I enjoy reading the correspondence column. I am only about 20, and if any of the girls want a further description they can write for it. I will answer any and all letters as the long winter hours are near and the girls are limited here so correspondence is a good pastime for the long winter evenings. Hoping to hear from some of the pretty damsels, as my address will be with the editor. "Funny Bill."

Like a Hen on Hot Griddle when Teased.

Nutana, Sask., Feb. 17, 1909.
Editor.—Although I am not a subscriber to your most interesting paper, I have the opportunity of reading it. As this is my first letter I hope it will escape the waste paper basket.
I notice some of the girls object to doing outside chores. I do not agree with them on that subject. Any girl who spends all her time indoors is generally cross and will not take a joke. A girl who herds cattle or does outside work can usually give and take a joke good naturedly. It is well to mix the work on both sides. A man should also do his share of house work. To even things up a wife should be a helpmate for her husband and he a helpmate for her. I notice in several letters that the girls want to get right down to business at once and they expect to get a husband by return mail. Be careful, girls; the old saying is, "marry in haste and repent at leisure." Probably you will think I am an old maid, but not quite. My age is 20, height 5 feet 1 inch, weight 102 pounds, fair complexion and hazel eyes; not at all handsome. Some people say I am very good looking but I always say if I am pretty, what do the homely ones look like. Perhaps you would like to know my disposition. Sometimes I am quiet, but if you tease just then I am like a hen on a hot griddle. I get rather out of sorts; and again at times you couldn't displease me no matter what you did. I am fond of dancing and music, but have no use for cards. I do not care about a man that smokes and always strives to keep it down. I get the name of being a charmer on drinking. That kind of a husband I will shun altogether.
Perhaps I am taking too much of your valuable space. Enclosed is a letter which I wish you to forward to "Prairie Schooner." Thanking you in return. "Canterbury Bell."

Who Can Answer This Letter?

Manitoba, Feb. 17, 1909.
Editor.—Please insert the following in the correspondence column of your popular magazine:
A young Manitoba girl would like to exchange illustrated post cards, in envelopes, with young well bred gentlemen of all countries, Canada included, and particularly with those knowing other languages than English (I know French).
I would also like them to give their opinions on the following questions: What is the chief cause of unhappy marriages? How long do you believe real happiness can last in marriage? What part of the husband's salary should go to the wife?
"Fanny."

"Wolverine Bill" Heard From.

Lost River, Sask., Feb. 25, 1909.
Editor.—Having been a constant and very much interested reader of your worthy magazine—not the least interesting and amusing of which is the correspondence page—for some time, and having a few dull hours to pass away, I have decided to fall into line and scribble a few words for these columns.
I am a lonely homesteader, living in a little log shack near the banks of the Saskatchewan River. As the members of the gentler sex are a decidedly scarce article in this community, we have to turn to other sources for their company, though that company may be all contained in a sheet of parchment and thousands of miles separate us from the golden gleam of the fair writer's smile. But we can hope that it may not always be so. I am not what others would call an active candidate in the matrimonial contest, but there is no telling what the future might bring forth. As the necessary qualifications of a future better half, should I ever be successful in landing such a catch, I think any loving, even tempered, energetic miss would about fill the vacancy. I think "Dotty Dimple" of Prince Albert has about the correct idea of the qualifications we should possess. Tolerant of smoking, card playing and dancing, but not so with the "fire-water." "The Strawberry" is pretty hard on "Juggler," in November issue.

Now, "Strawberry," ease up a bit, as we may all be dear—at any price.

As to a description of myself I will merely say that I am old enough to vote, though no more; of medium size and height and have never been treed, for my handsome features. I also use tobacco moderately.

I would like to hear from "Dotty Dimples"—never mind the freckles, Dotty; sour milk will cover up their footprints—and also "A Wild Manitoba Rose," if they would condescend to drop me a line which will be answered promptly, as will those from any others who would care to correspond. Please forward enclosed letter to "Baby Bug," of Winnipeg. Hoping this poor effort does not suddenly end its existence in the furnace with the rest of the scrap paper, I will ring off. Being from the Wolverine state (Michigan) I will leave my footprint. "Wolverine Bill."

Could Spend Spare Time Playing Organ.

Saskatchewan, Feb. 24, 1909.
Editor.—I have been a constant reader of your valuable paper for a number of years and think it is the cheapest and best in the West. I enjoy reading it, especially the correspondence columns; they are very amusing and interesting. But some of the bachelors, I am thinking, do not want a wife, but a slave, and they don't deserve to get married at all to my knowledge. I am not writing with matrimonial intentions, but I will answer with pleasure any and all letters written to me.
I am a bachelor on a homestead 10 miles from town. Am very lonely. Do not drink or use tobacco. Girls, if I ever find the right one it will be "a go" if she will say yes, but I believe in getting acquainted first and know each other's faults and get thoroughly accustomed to each other. It will be for love, not money, that I marry for and I would not let a woman of mine feed pigs or calves and do outside work unless I was away and did not get home until late, and then would not expect them to do them for me. As long as a woman does the house work and the cooking I would not expect her to do anything else. Any spare time she had she could put it in at the organ or piano or driving, as I would have a good driver for her to drive. Some men who write say they expect a woman to milk cows, feed pigs and calves. I do not call such persons men at all; they are unworthy of that name.
I hope I am not taking up too much space in your valuable paper. I will give a description of myself. I am no beauty; am 5 feet 7 inches tall, weigh 165 pounds, dark brown hair and grey eyes. I would pass in a dark room. Well, I will close, hoping this letter does not find the waste basket. Any who wish to write will find my address with the editor. I wish your paper every success. "Rambler."

Something Good.

Benito, Feb. 23, 1909.
Editor.—Although not a subscriber to your valuable and edifying paper, I have the pleasure of reading it from a friend who gets it and have found it very interesting, especially the correspondence page.
I am a young man of 23 years of age, weight 150 pounds and am considered good looking. I am the owner of a choice quarter section of land. I would gladly correspond with any of the fair sex who wish for correspondents. My address is with the editor. Wishing the W. H. M. every success. "Something Good."

Would Correspond with "Moxie."

Princeton, B. C., Feb. 15, 1909.
Editor.—This is my first appearance in correspondence column of which I take quite an interest, and as I am not looking for a husband I would like to correspond with "Moxie."
I am 5 feet 8 inches tall, dark, and have two good understandings, so I beat Moxie; I am very fond of music, riding and skating. I don't drink tea nor chew gum. Hoping this will escape the waste paper basket. "One of Four."

A Good Chance for Lonely Woman.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15, 1909.
Editor.—Being a constant reader of your valuable magazine since I am in Winnipeg, I am making bold to write you this note and I trust you will publish it.
I would like to make the acquaintance of some of your lady readers for company's sake; if it will, let marriage come afterward. I would like one who is perhaps lonely and who has no gentleman friend. Thus we might be able to comfort one another.
I am fairly tall, have brown eyes and auburn hair; am employed as a clerk. Thanking you and wishing your magazine every success. "Bunthorne."

Only Friend His Violin.

Viscount, Sask., Feb. 11, 1909.
Editor.—As I am a subscriber to your most interesting magazine, I take interest in your correspondence department in which I read some very interesting letters from bachelors in the same position as myself. I think your correspondence department a great help to lots of the young people. Correspondence will bring one in touch with another, as otherwise half the young men and women are too bashful

to speak to each other. There are lots of young men and women who would get married right in our Western country only for being too backward in going forward. We young men so seldom get in the company of young ladies that when we do we feel too bashful to get down to business. I know that all I lack myself is a companion to share my trials and troubles. I have been batching four years and I think that plenty long enough for any man to live alone. The only friend I have is my violin which always stays with me. I must give a description of myself. I am 23 years old, weigh 160 pounds, fair complexion. If any of the fair sex should like to write their letter will be promptly answered. Please address enclosed envelope to "Baby Bug."

"Royal Homesteader."

Kootenay Belle Heard From.

British Columbia, Feb. 15, 1909.
Editor.—This is just a note from a Western girl for I notice that few write from B. C. Am not on the matrimonial market but am on the look-out for correspondence. Would like to correspond with "Modest Pansy," "Saucebox," and with any other boy or girl of any age. Everyone gives a description of themselves so suppose I had better follow the crowd. Am about 5 feet 5½ inches tall, medium fair with blue eyes. Can ride, cook, skate, dance and play a little. Hoping this will not make acquaintance with the waste paper basket I bid adieu to the readers.

"Kootenay Belle."

"Blue-Eyed Bill" on the Rampage.

Pendennis, Man., Feb. 5, 1909.
Editor.—Being a reader of the W. H. M. I am very much interested in the correspondence columns. I am thinking of trying my luck. I am a Canadian 21 years old, dark hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion; am 5 feet 8 inches tall, neither drink nor chew, but smoke a little. Would like to correspond with some of the young ladies if they would be so kind to write to me first as I am very bashful. "Blue-Eyed Bill."

The Boy in the Corner.

Myrtle, Man., Feb. 11, 1909.
Editor.—I have been a reader of your good paper for a long time and have just taken a notion to write to your correspondence columns. I am a young Englishman, 20 years of age, have black curly hair and brown eyes, stand just over 5 feet, weight about 125 pounds. I will expect to see this published, also to receive some letters from some of Canada's young ladies. Any one who will write I will gladly answer. "Bashful Boy."

Johnny Come Lately Gets Busy.

Editor.—I have been a very interested Briercrest, Sask., Feb. 23, 1909.
reader of your magazine, although not a subscriber. I enjoy the correspondence column very much. I have been over this Western country a whole lot and I think it is a magnificent country, only too many bachelors. I see a description of one's self is in order; well, I am 5 feet 6 inches in height, weigh about 150 pounds, dark hair and brown eyes. Would be pleased if you would put me in correspondence with some nice ladies between 25 and 30. I would like to hear from "Forget-me-not" and "Bright-Eyed Little Birdie." All correspondence promptly answered. My address is with the editor. "Johnny Come Lately."

"Tipperary" Write Sweet Sixteen.

Saskatoon, Feb. 24, 1909.
Editor.—I have been a constant and interested reader of the W. H. M. for some time. I have taken great interest in the correspondence columns and am always sorry when I come to the end. As it is the custom to give a description of one's self I will do so. I am past 16, weigh 132 pounds, 5 feet 4 inches tall, dark brown hair, dark blue eyes. Have been in the West just one year and like it very much. Would like to hear from "Tipperary" or any of the boys or girls who would care to write. Wishing the paper every success. "A Western Rose."

October Bell from Quebec.

Quebec, Feb. 16, 1909.
Editor.—I was reading in your correspondence column in the October paper and I saw a letter from "Spicy Gent," asking for correspondents as a pastime, so I decided to write to him. Please forward enclosed letter. Do not publish my name, but you might put my name in the correspondent list as "October Bell," as one who would like a few correspondents. "October Bell."

"Baby Bug" in Demand.

Saskatchewan, Feb. 20, 1909.
Editor.—Having been an interested reader of your excellent paper for the past 3 years I thought I would like to write a few lines to the correspondence columns of the W. H. M. I am an Englishman and have been out in the West for 3 years. I am 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in height, considered good looking. I would like to correspond with "Baby Bug" as I think she is the right girl to have. "Earl of Banbury."

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The Old Spooner Place.

By Harriet Whitney Durbin.

Priscilla Mills, traveling afoot down the country road, wondered, as she rounded the elbow of the lane, what was going on at the Gunn place. Several riding nags were hitched to the rail fence in front of the house, and Aunt Filinda Toadybush was walking slowly up the footpath, dabbing her broad, warm face with a blue-edged cotton handkerchief, while Uncle Billy loitered under an apple tree, lighting his cob pipe.

"What's happening, Uncle Billy?" Priscilla called out. "Tisn't a funeral?"

"Nao."

"Wedding?"

"Nao."

"Auction?"

"Nao."

Uncle Billy strolled forward, a tag of smoke veering from his pipe. He looked as gray and wiry as a dried sage plant.

in las' spring---reckon he gave an old shot gun or a couple o' coon skins for it---haw, haw! Couple months back, just 'fore Uncle Zim died, he makes out a will leavin' his beloved sister, Abigail Craggitt Roper, the old Spooner place, durin' her life. Then he tacks on another p'int, mentionin' that whichever one of the kin folks Aunt Nabby 'lects to live with, it's his wish should have the place when she's through with it---haw, haw! Uncle Zim always was a curious old clam, the kin's been hard guessin' whether he was jokin' or not. Anyway, ain't any of 'em falling over themselves to git the old Spooner place. Then Aunt Nabby has rheumatiz every dark-o'-the-moon, terrible, and has to be rubbed middles of nights with hot vinegar and one truck-another, and Kizzy Gunn, she 'lows she did her share o' rubbin' and she'll jest natchally gether up the other kin folks and see which is keenest to fall heir to Aunt



"See here, Priscill, I reckon I'm consid'able of a pickle, but if you'll say the word and take me, slap-dab--"

"Whar you goin', Priscilly—a-hoofin' it so brisk and arly?" he asked, curiously.

"Oh—me! I've been boiling gruel and steeping pennyrile tea for Granny Packard a month back; Lindy's home, now, and Granny don't need me, so I'm going back to brother Ike and Sue Tildy and the seven little Ikes and Sue Tildies!"

"Lord have pity on ye!" said the old man, fervently.

Priscilla laughed.

"I'm strong," she said, cheerily. "What's going on here, Uncle Billy?"

"Well," Uncle Billy's dry face wrinkled itself with the humor of a projected witticism, "it's a-comin' 'round to housecleanin' time; Kizzy Gunn wants to cler out the rubbage; she's goin' to begin with Aunt Nabby! She's got a meetin' of the kinfolks called to see which of 'em'll tote her off and give her house room—for the sake of gettin' the Spooner place when Aunt Nabby's gone—haw, haw!"

"Well, I say! That's a scand'lous shame," Priscilla's voice was clear and strongly pitched. "Aunt Nabby's a good soul. What about the Spooner place, Uncle Billy? I don't know a thing—been buried at Brush Center over a month."

"Sho!" said Uncle Billy. "Wull, old Zimri Craggitt---Filindy's uncle, you know---bought old man Spooner's cab-

Nabby and the old Spooner place."

"And ain't the place any account?" Priscilla asked interestedly.

"Oh, yas---yas," Uncle Billy assured her, humorously, "cabin's got a room and a lean-to kitchen that's plumb elegant 'commodations--- for mud-dobber wasps and squor'ons. Ain't many clapboards left on the roof, but you kin set pans and kittles under the places the rain comes in. There's nigh an acre o' ground, too, slantin' up the glade; it's mostly sowed to flint rocks and mullein, but a feller might raise a middlin' crop o' cockle burrs, if he'd be right spry---haw, haw!"

Uncle Billy went into quite a fit of mirth, in which he was not joined by Priscilla.

"Don't any of the kin want to keep Aunt Nabby?" she asked.

"Oh, shore!" Uncle Billy twinkled comically. "My old woman; now, she want's her the worst way she's been a-tellin' me, but she jest can't take her, 'cuz her brother Jed's visitin' us and got the unly spare room the is; and beside that, she's so skeered that Jeff and Jinny would worrit the pore old lady! And Phoebe Seliny Todd she's in there now. I'll bet a shillin', sheddin' more tears than her apren'll sop up, cuz she'd so love to have Aunt Nabby but her husband's ma is comin' and she's so cranky she'd make Aunt Nabby uncomfortable, and, 'sides, makes

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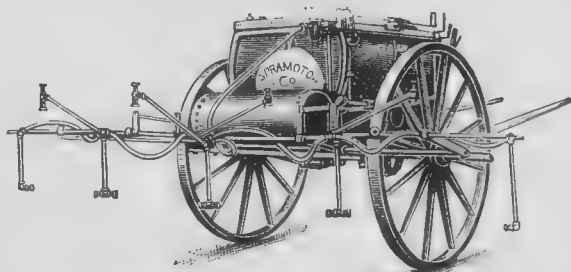
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"It's pizen mean," Priscilla declared, indignantly. "I see Aunt Nabby sittin' on the porch step; I'm going up to speak to her."

She went forward and Uncle Billy followed. Several members of Mrs. Gunn's council were coming out of the house when Priscilla reached it. Aunt Nabby contemplated them with a sour expression. She was a wisp of an old woman, with myriad dry wrinkles all focusing toward her mouth. Her gray hair, wound up in a "biscuit," had become loosened and the end hung down behind one ear, twining itself into a thin curl.

From the open door of the entry way issued Mrs. Gunn's strong, carrying voice:

"No use lookin' for kin folks to tote their share; I reckon we'll have to go on keepin' her."

"Up rose Aunt Nabby's tall, stiff, straight form.

"No, you won't, Keziah Gunn," she declared with shrill determination. "No, you won't. I'm through bein' kep'---like some stray critter. The ain't a one of these folks I'd go live off'n, now."

Uncle Billy gave Priscilla's arm a sly jog.

"Yonder comes Sammy Sawyer cuttin' sticks through the orchard," he whispered. "I reckon Huldy kep' him charin' long as she could, so he wouldn't get yere till meetin' was over!"

The autumn sun glowed warmly and the young man had walked so rapidly his face was red and glistening and his brownish light hair looked limp with moisture. Aunt Nabby's last words had reached his ear, and he grew a shade redder as he stepped in among the gathered relatives.

"Folks---ladies and gentlemen---and ---and so forth," he began, in some embarrassment. "I came here a-purpose to ask Aunt Nabby if she'll come and jine me and Huldy in the hill-cabin for good-and-all---and welcome?"

Aunt Nabby slipped on her glasses and peered keenly up into his face.

"Did Huldy say for me to come?"

"Uh---er," Sam began to stammer, his face fairly blazing, "Huldy---she's a little quare in her ways, and don't mean things---you come; it's all right. Anyhow, she ain't runnin' everything at the shanty, as I know of; I got as much say as she has---and I want you to come, Aunt Nabby---honestly, now---"

"Sammy," the old woman interrupted his embarrassed protestations, "you're a good boy; I'd come without waitin' to draw breath, if you was all the crew the' was on deck. But I know Huldy of old, and no three-roomed cabin was ever built big enough to hold her and me both. No, no, Sammy, I couldn't stomach it. Nor I won't stay here, nyther. The old Spooner cabin's got four walls and a top, and I've got ten fingers, thank the Lord (countin' thumbs), and a spinnin' wheel. I kin spin and I kin knit; and socks always brings cash or groceries. I'm goin' to live on the Spooner place, and nary one of you needn't try to stop me."

Priscilla was at the old woman's side a twinkle.

"You and me ain't kin, Aunt Nabby," she said, "and I haven't a home to offer you, but if you'll say the word I'll come and live with you---and be bettering myself, too. While you're spinning and knitting I can be raising chickens and mebbly a little truck garden. Will you take for a partner, Aunt Nabby?"

Aunt Nabby silently reached forth, wrapped her lank arms about Priscilla's neck and gave her a kiss that smacked out clear and loud.

"Whist I'd dast do that," murmured

Sam, enviously, under his hay-colored moustache.

"I've got some dishes," Priscilla resumed her topic, cuddling Aunt Nabby close to her, "that Grandma left me, and three chairs, and some bedding."

"We're fixed, then, slick as a whistle," the old woman chirped, "cuz if you've got the beddin', I've got the stid. And 'sides that, I got a chist o' draw's and a cookstove and a hit-and-miss rag carpet that ain't never been onrolled since it came outer the loom."

II.

The old Spooner cabin sat low on the slant of a hill, almost in the lap of the hollow. Below it a half stagnant stream dawdled through a snarl of rank grasses and water plantains. With the retreat of the afternoon sun clammy airs fanned up from its banks and the hollow beyond, thick with odors of spearmint and dock and wet bracken.

"A malarial old nest," Sam Sawyer declared it to Priscilla, as he set a cedar bucket of fresh spring water upon a bench and hung the dripping gourd on a peg above. "It'll set you and Aunt Nabby chillin' as sure as guinea eggs."

Sam had pirated his sister's broom and brushed out the cabin before the arrival of its tenants. He had also made a pyramid of oak limbs and brushwood in the wide-mouthed fire place, ready for the vanquishing of twilight damp.

The rail fence about the cabin was askew with age and decay, and the rough gate sagged and limped and groaned on its one hinge.

"It's got rheumatism, seems like," Sam said, as he essayed with hammer and nails to improve its condition.

Priscilla come down the weed-cumbered walk with springing feet. She had a stiff green sunbonnet pulled far over her dark brown braided hair. She watched Sam as he whacked away at the hinge until his face was crimson. He stood up at last, pitching his hammer over the fence.

"It's a slanderatious outrage," he exploded, "that you and Aunt Nabby have to burrow in this shack like a couple of gophers. The Craggitt outfit!"

Lightness of heart was in Priscilla's laugh.

"Aunt Nabby feels as independent as a blue jay in cherry time," said she. "And I---why, it's saved me from wrinkles and gray hair."

"Tain't fittin' for two lone women," Sam persisted. "See here, Priscill, I reckon I'm consid'able of a pickle, but if you'll say the word and take me, slap-dab---"

Sam's eyes were large and dark and gray, the kind of eyes that pursue and hold and haunt one; he was sun-tanned to swarthinness, and his well-turned chin held a softening dimple. Priscilla peeped up at him out of the deep bonnet and laughed again, but not so joyously.

"Sam, don't you see that we're foot-fast?" she asked, "tied and haltered and hobbled, so we can't even look across one another's fence? You have Miss Huldy to take care of. She doesn't think a great sight of me, and she and Aunt Nabby would have their backs hooped up and be spitting at one another like cats the b' used time. How could you fence them apart in your three rooms? And I've got Aunt Nabby under my wing for good. She can't be slung away like a ball of darning cotton, any more."

"No," Sam acquiesced, dejectedly, "I don't want you to turn her off; but---Jinkins take the luck, I wish things was different. Would you take me if they were, Priscill?"

With eyes and smile she sparkled suddenly at him from the deep green sunbonnet. And Sam knew.

III.

At the fading of a still autumn day, when the flames of sunset were burning down to a long line of dim crimson embers, Sam Sawyer came down the forest path, wheeling a barrow-load of stove-wood to Aunt Nabby's kitchen door.

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"Sammy," she pushed the glasses upwards, so they sparkled like two bright eyes on the top of her head, "the Craggitt gang—every hoof of 'em—has gone plumb, stark simple, else the's a spider somewhere in the dumplin'."

"What's a-doing?"
"Wull—I can't make no affydavit to nothin', but it don't gee with my notions of Zenas Gunn (seein' Priscilly and me has lived here better than three weeks without a peek at him) for him to come tearin' up this mornin' before breakfas' to find out if the cabin's comfortable, and if it wouldn't be a fine thing for me to go pikin' back to him and Kizzy, cuz they've missed me—oh jest tirrable! And Kizzy she takes and sends along a gret-fat sweet-cake she's made a-purpose for me! Says I to Zenas, 'I'm obleeged to Kizzy for the cake and to ye both for askin' me back, but I'm doin' elegant in the Spooner cabin, sir and Priscilly.'"

"Wull, me, Zena's coat tails ain't morn' good out o' sight when here comes Filindy Toadybush—ka-chug—ka-chug—puffin' and simmerin' like a bilin' teakettle, she's hurried so to tell me brother Jed's a-thinkin' of goin' to Snagtown, and I'll be just more'n welcome to come take his room—I kin go right back along o' her, and she'll put him up attic till he leaves; Jinny and Jeff was a-baiggin' her to fetch me back, and Billy said I mustn't dream of stayin' here along with the mud-dobber wasps no longer. I tell Filindy to tell Billy that me and Priscilly and the mud-dobbers is makin' it all right, and for him to not lay awake nights. She goes home, a-tellin' all the way up the hill how they're a-grievin' for

me to come live with 'em. And bless the babies, if here don't come Phoebe Selindy Todd and Meeny Harness, 'most breakin' the hinge off'n the gate, both tryin' to git in first and coax me to go live with 'em. Then they fall a-quarlin', tush and talon; seemed like they s'posed whichever could holler loudest'd git me! But I tells 'em quiet-like, I couldn't possibly go to one of em's houses and make the other feel so bad, so I'd jest kind o' stay where I was at."

"I dunno whut you kin mek out of it all, Sammy, but looks powerful quare to me that they all took so sud-with the same complaint!"

"I 'lowed this mornin'," said Sam, "they'd be here like a swarm of pesky yellowjackets after a sorghum jug, but I'd have bet a mule they wouldn't ketch you, Aunt Nabby. Yes, I know what's started 'em, and I was comin' to tell you. They've caught onto the idy that sometimes a place looks mighty little and dinky on a map and widens out a heap off of it. If you'll ricollect, Uncle Zim's will said, plain and simple, you was to have the Spooner, and that nor the deed you got don't say beans where the Spooner place begins nor ends!"

"No more it does; but the country knows the Spooner place means this here shanty and a tea cup full o' dirt old man Spooner had left when he got through sellin' off the balance to keep his boy in school first place, and out o' scrapes next. Brother Zim bought it off the old man to oblige him, cuz he wanted to go west and look Joe up."

"That's straight, as fur as it goes, Aunt Nabby; but lemme tell you a little scrap I've just caught hold of. Uncle Zim bought the cabin and the lot to 'commodate old man Spooner. But old man Spooner's boy, Joe, didn't turn out such a bad egg as he threatened. After he'd got through his monkey shines, he had went west, and instid of raisin' Cain, he went to raisin' sheep, which was a better payin' crop, for he made enough to buy back all the land his pa had sold—and that's a

hundred and fifty acres of ground that can't be beat in this county or the next—take it timberland and cultivated! And that big yellow two-story frame house top o' the hill belongs to it—"

"Sammy, what air you a-talkin' about?" interrupted Aunt Nabby. "Old man Spooner had sold the yeller house and big part o' the ground to Jim Taylor, and Jim sold it to someone else—nobody knowed who—"

"He sold it to Joe Spooner, after Joe went out west."

"Honey, I'm afeared you been swallerin' yarns."

"Tain't a yarn, Aunt Nabby; Joe's come back, visitin'. I seen him and he told me about it, himself. The deed conveyin' the yellow house and the hundred and fifty acres to Uncle Zim's in the bank. And here's how it come about: After Joe got to rakin' in money, off his sheep, he wrote to Jim Taylor, wantin' to know if Jim'd sell him back the old place. And Jim bein' about to light out o' here, snapped him up. Joe was jest goin' to deed the land to his paw, but before he done it the old man had concluded to cut sticks and go out to Joe, and had sold the cabin and patch to Uncle Zim. So then, Joe, not havin' any special use for the old place, he writes to Uncle Zim, askin' if he didn't want to buy the whole mess of ground and the house, and Uncle Zim did, not tellin' a soul about it, only Lawyer Ludwig and the bank folks. Joe sent him the new deed through the bank, and Uncle Zim kep' it there, and Lawyer Ludwig, bein' a slow-witted old tarrapin, when he fetched out Uncle Zim's will and the deed to the cabin, lets the other deed slip clean out o' his mind. So there it laid in the bank under two eanches of dust in a pigeon-hole. But we seen it today, all right, Joe and me; and Ludwig says nobody livin' couldn't dispute your claim to the whole outfit—it's all 'the Spooner place,' the yeller house as well as this cabin, that the Spooners lived in before they built on the hill. Joe struck town last night, and when he finds that Uncle Zim is dead he goes

to makin' inquiries about who's got the old place; then the whole business leaks out an sets the kin folks chasin' about before breakfast to try and gather their dear Aunt Nabby in away from the mud-dobbers and give her a comfortable home—'long as she don't need odds from some of 'em!'"

"And yonder," cried Priscilla, sparkling across the hearth from Sam to Aunt Nabby, "sits the owner of the best farm and the prettiest house in a hundred miles, knitting a pair of socks to trade for a pound of coffee!"

Aunt Nabby let the knitting needles slip from her fingers, and clasping her little hard, brown hands, she looked steadily into the fire.

"Children," said she, "it ain't so—I'm in the old squeaky bedstid under the settin' sun kiverlid a-dreamin' it every bit! but thank the Lord for the dream! And bein' I'm worked up now, I mought as well dream a little more to it. It don't take more'n a couple o' middlin' sharp eyes and years to know whut's been holdin' you two apart from jinin' hands; and now I'm goin' to dream you're fixin' to start housekeepin' in the yeller house on the hill, which is goin' to belong to the two of ye, with the hundred and fifty acres, when I'm through with 'em; and that the house is big enough to hold Huldy and me, both agreein' one to put cotton in her years when the other feels like jawin'."

Sam Sawyer's homeward way lay through the hollow, and it was chill and dark; but as he went up the hill he saw a glorious moon rising above the black sycamores. In some vague fashion that he could not formulate, he felt that his life path was leading upward from the shadow of the loneliness and dissatisfaction into an open field made beautiful by love's golden moon. For he carried with him the sweetness of Priscilla's bethrothal kiss.

Rudyard Kipling: Ignorance of English literature and a limited vocabulary are the possessions of most young people.

The Widow in the L.

By Linda Woodruff Beach.

IT had been Mrs. Butterkin's doings, letting the L. Mr. Butterkin had objected to the proceeding, but mildly, as was becoming in the good-humored husband of a "whimpy" wife, so prone to tears that there seemed some foundation for her pet apprehension that her "blood was turning to water." Grievously tormented by nerves, she longed for womanly sympathy, and on Mr. Ebbeson's decease, nothing would do but his widow should sell her farm and occupy the Butterkin L; for had not Ruth and she been dear friends from girlhood? After due deliberation, Mrs. Ebbeson came, having first secured a life lease of the building.

A busy little woman was Ruth Ebbeson, as she had need to be, her intemperate, worthless husband having left her barely enough to make both ends meet. If she would lap them comfortably, it must be by her own exertions with the needle. And as she sat cheerily stitching by her invalid mother's couch, Mrs. Butterkin would often run in with beans to pick over or apples to pare, while of rainy days, obedient to his wife's suggestions, Mr. Butterkin did many a neighborly turn in way of carpentry. The two families were almost as one. Indeed, the letting of the L seemed a provident arrangement for all parties. It was a relief to Mrs. Ebbeson to be rid of her farm; it was well that her mother should be within easy access of a physician. Especially was it of advantage to Mrs. Butterkin to enjoy cheerful companionship, and whatever was of advantage to Mrs. Butterkin necessarily affected Mr. Butterkin.

Thus years glided on, bringing mental vigor to the nerve-diseased Mrs. Butterkin. She had never seemed in better health than in that fatal spring when she was prostrated by pneumonia, death-stricken from the first.

"The Lord wills it, Ruth, and I don't feel to murmur," she whispered, with dying grace; "but husband'll miss me, I know. You'll keep an eye on him, won't you, dear, when I'm gone, and make him comfortable?"

Mrs. Ebbeson sobbed a promise; but after Mr. Butterkin's bereavement she found the covenant embarrassing, for in this sublimity world of ours a widow "who keeps her eye" on a widower challenges unpleasant comment, and little Mrs. Ebbeson deprecated the speech of people. Consequently, though she conscientiously ministered to Mr. Butterkin's comfort, it was in unobtrusive ways not suspected by him, and hardly realized by the niece who kept his house. The door between the two sitting-rooms no longer, as formerly, stood invitingly ajar, but was hasped upon the widow's side. She never passed through it now, save in the gentleman's absence, when she occasionally assisted the inexperienced Esther in compounding his favorite dishes, or surreptitiously possessed herself of his fine mending. With his wife's demise the old free-and-easy life had ended. They were two distinct households, growing farther and farther apart, as the weed upon the widower's hat waxed rusty beneath accumulated months of mourning. It could scarcely have been otherwise. The closed door was but a symbol of the barrier which, in the very nature of things, must exist between the bereaved Mr. Butterkin and the similarly bereaved Mrs. Ebbeson. When a right-hand glove has lost its mate, and a left has met with a like calamity, one naturally desires to fit the remaining two together, if haply they may make a pair, and the widow shrank sensitively at the thought of the neighbors thus mentally matching herself and Mr. Butterkin. As far as in her power she tried to make it apparent to them that the twain were two odd ones, which could by no possibility be mated.

But not so the gentleman in question. That people should gossip never entered his head. If in Roxanna's lifetime, to please her, he had done her dear Ruth

frequent neighborly favors, all the more would he do them now that Roxanna lay cold in death. And as day after day went by, and he felt more and more closely drawn to the cheerful, bright-eyed widow, the simple man believed this was solely for his departed wife's sake. She had been dead a year and a day, when Mrs. Ebbeson whisked out upon the door-step one warm July morning to shake the table-cloth.

"Oh, my strass!" ejaculated she, looking not into the firmament, but straight earthward at her hens darting hither and yon for the breakfast crumbs. In the midst of the flock bristled two Brahmas, with sullen eyes and feathers on end, clucking for chickens that were not.

"Anything wrong, Mrs. Ebbeson?"

Mr. Butterkin paused on his way from the barn with the milk.

"Only the Brahmas, Mr. Butterkin. I've broken 'em up and broken 'em up, but they will set." (Mrs. Ebbeson had been reared in a rural part of New England where hens never "sit.")

"Well, why not let 'em?"

"In July? Now, Mr. Butterkin!"

"Then supposing you tie red yarn about their feet?"

"Why, they'd peck my eyes out," laughed the widow, dexterously folding the table-cloth in its former creases.

She was sorry the moment she had said it, for Mr. Butterkin at once offered to assist in the gridding process. Why should he not? Yet as he held the hens, first one and then the other, while she bound about the right leg of each the anti-incubating anklet, she was inwardly agitated, and could not help being thankful it was early morning, and they were not likely to be seen of passersby.

No such feeling perturbed Mr. Butterkin. He was honestly glad to help Roxanna's friend—because she had been her friend, he would have said if he had thought about the matter at all; and in the kindness of his heart he presently asked if the chickens' bran was not getting low. He was going to the village; should he call at the mill?

"Or, if you have any errands, I can take you over as well as not," he added, as an after-thought, and was mildly bewildered at seeing the sudden flush on her face as she hurriedly answered that she had no errands.

Picking up the milk pail, in which the froth had perceptibly settled, he walked away with a troubled expression. He hoped Ruth hadn't any hard feeling toward him. What could have made her color up so? And then it occurred to him that though he had asked her often, he was sure, she had not ridden with him for a long while—not since—why, not since Roxanna died! and his own face flushed under the dawn of a new idea. Ruth was afraid the neighbors might talk. Strange he hadn't thought of it before. Dear! dear! what a timid little woman she was!

As he jogged lonesomely along in the great wagon which used to carry two, and seemed dimly empty with one, he could not banish her from his mind, and he began gradually to realize how constantly she had been in of late. What had made her manner so distant these months past? Was it fear of village gossip, or did she really dislike him? He wished he knew; yes, he did wish he knew! and he jerked the reins, unwittingly wounding the feelings of his faithful roan, conscientiously trotting her best.

Turning in at his own gate, a rebellious clamor from Mrs. Ebbeson's henry greeted his ear. Alas for his vain attempt to overcome maternal instinct! Hardly had he left their sight when the clucking Brahmas sought their nest, where the little widow found them bill to bill, the scarlet ankle-ties hidden beneath the straw. Six times she dislodged them; six times they reinstated themselves; and now at noon there they sat brooding over the pile of bricks she had heaped in their nest, winking their



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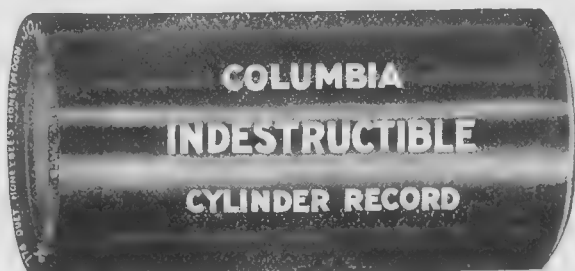


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small round eyes at her in lazy triumph! It was too much. Was an immortal woman to be outwitted by a couple of finite hens? The little widow renewed the conflict, but not daring to lay hands again upon the belligerent bipeds, she resorted to the discreet expedient of poking at them through the open window, thus affording to Mr. Butterkin, as he rounded the corner, a confused vision of agitated calico dancing about a distracted rake handle.

"What! setting again, Mrs. Ebbeson?"

The small lady, till then unconscious of the gentleman's proximity, hastily withdrew her head from the window and looked down in some confusion from her perch on an inverted barrel. "Yes, they're settin' again; but it's just as well—just exactly as well," said she, rather incoherently, harrowed by the fear lest she were displaying her ankles.

"Now, now, we must see about this," responded Mr. Butterkin, fishing in his pocket for a small ball of twine he had bought that day for stringing the tomatoes, and meanwhile glancing over his shoulder, apparently to assure himself that the orchard was where it should be. He would have liked nothing better than to lift the little widow down, but his instinct told him she would prefer to descend by herself, unobserved, and he was a man capable of self-sacrifice. "We'll tie the hens to the fence," he added, presently, conscious of a thrill of delight as he pronounced the "we."

He knew himself better than in the early morning, and could not disguise the fact that he felt a personal satisfaction in entering into even the humblest partnership with Mrs. Ebbeson—a satisfaction evidently not shared by the Brahmas, who, resenting his continued interference, tore his coat mercilessly. It was a jagged rent, from pocket to hem, in his Sunday garment, too, which in Roxanna's time had never gone to the village on a week day; but who was there now to watch over Mr. Butterkin's apparel? Not Mr. Butterkin, surely, to whom the distinctions of dress were but as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

"What a wicked, wicked shame!" cried Mrs. Ebbeson, in distress. "But I'll darn it just as well as I can."

"No, no, thank you; it's of no consequence," replied Mr. Butterkin, with manly indifference.

"But Esther can't mend broadcloth."

"Can't? You don't say so!"

Imbued with the masculine superstition that incapacity with the needle betokens idiocy, Mr. Butterkin looked aghast.

"No; she's young, you know, and not used to sewing. Besides, I'm responsible for this rent. Let me attend to it, please."

He removed the garment without a word, his face flushing like moose-berries in autumn. Not a thought that, since Esther was incapable, he must be indebted to the widow for past favors with the needle—indeed, he would have unblushingly declared that this was the first occasion since Roxanna's decease that garment of his had needed repair—but he felt a reluctance at being dependent upon Ruth for a menial service, when it was now the growing desire of his heart that she should lean upon him.

Seeing him color, Mrs. Ebbeson, out of sympathy, colored, too, and such a vivid and lasting crimson that her mother at dinner mildly chided her for going out without her bonnet.

Busy over his coat that afternoon, Ruth naturally thought of Mr. Butterkin, while he, weeding the late turnips, recalled her blushes, and clumsily tried to analyze them. On the whole, he couldn't believe she went so far as to dislike him. And so night came, the mended coat hung in its place, and under the fence the undiscouraged Brahmas brooded over imaginary eggs. Next morning they brooded there still, and there, had they been his own, might they have continued to brood, forgotten by Mr. Butterkin, who, as his late wife often said, complainingly, never charged his mind with hens; but these especial Brahmas possessed peculiar interest as giving him audience with the charming widow. Accordingly,

in the days that followed, he hovered about the luckless bipeds like a bird of prey. He bought the latest treatise on hens, and patiently tried in succession all the experiments therein suggested for subduing the wills of obdurate sitters, Mrs. Ebbeson assisting, as in common gratitude she must. This without producing the least effect upon the Brahmas. It was the widow that grew restive, conscious of the absurdity of Mr. Butterkin's sudden and ostentatious regard for fowls. She knew the very moment when his heart turned toward her, but whether hers inclined similarly toward him wasn't for her to say till he asked; yet, coy little woman, she gave him no chance to put the question.

And, such is human perversity, the more she seemed not to care for him, so much the more was Mr. Butterkin resolved that she should care for him. Before July was ended he had fully made up his mind to propose, inwardly assured that his late wife would sanction the proceeding, not if she were returned to the flesh, of course—in that case he would not ask it—but as a shade she would not stand between him and her beloved Ruth. Of Mr. Ebbeson's shade he scarcely thought, doubting, perhaps, whether a man on earth destitute of moral substance could at death attain the dignity of a heavenly shadow. But there is a vast difference between purposing to propose and proposing. Mr. Butterkin learned this to his chagrin after repeated abortive attempts at giving his frequent interviews with Mrs. Ebbeson a sentimental turn. At each advance of his she sped away as shyly as a girl, and in the secure retreat by her mother's couch was as unapproachable as if seated aloft in the chair of Cassiopea. In regard to a written declaration of love, Mr. Butterkin would sooner have attempted an essay on protoplasm. August found him still waiting for an opportunity. He, usually so prompt and unhesitating—the first selectman of the town! The better he loved the widow, the more he despised himself, till one soft twilight, when the zephyrs were whispering tender thoughts to the leaves, he rose with desperate resolve, and strode boldly round to the open door of the L. Mrs. Ebbeson sat just within the sitting-room, but he was too crafty to enter.

"If you'll kindly step this way a moment," he said, "I've another experiment we might try on those hens."

But having lured her to him, his next words were wide of the mark:

"I came to ask—that is, I wanted to know—in fact, I wanted to have a serious talk with you."

She believed in free-will, he in foreordination; but his "serious talk" would not savor of theology, she knew. She nervously essayed to confine it to poultry.

"Really, Mr. Butterkin, you take too much trouble about those hens. They—"

"Nothing I do for you, Ruth, is a trouble."

"They're fairly rheumatic from standing in that barrel of water, and, for all that, they're not cured of setting."

"As I was saying, Ruth—"

"Don't say any more about 'em, Mr. Butterkin, I beg."

"I'm not speaking about hens, Ruth." Here Mr. Butterkin wiped his brow with his handkerchief. "I came to talk about you. Don't go. Your mother didn't call. Why won't you marry me, Ruth?"

She gave him a dozen reasons on the spot, but the fallacy of feminine logic being proverbial, Mr. Butterkin was not the man to heed them. At least this I know. before the snow came the Widow Ebbeson had become Mrs. Butterkin, and frosty evenings she and her husband might have been seen carefully sheltering two late broods of chickens, for in the end the Brahmas had their way.

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"Well, I should hope so," laughed Uncle John. "Here are all the lap robes and the handbag and three children and two dollies and the great big dinner basket. If it were not first class sleighing I should expect old Prince to object to such a load."

He tucked the robes about Kitty and Jessie, who were nestling and giggling on a snug little seat at his feet. Then he shook the lines, and gave the word to Prince, and away they flew toward Uncle Charley's farm.

"Let's take the spring road this time, papa," said Kitty, "it's such a lovely day, and Uncle Charley's folks might be coming to see us."

"And they always come by the spring road," put in Jessie. "Harry told me so."

"And such dinners as they bring!" cried Kitty. "You can't get such things in town."

Now I must tell you about the dinners. Uncle John's folks and Uncle Charley's folks were very fond of visiting each other; and they liked to have the dinners ready beforehand, so that the two aunties could have plenty of time to talk together, and to play games with the children. That's why each family took a great big dinner basket when they went to see each other.

It was a little later that same morning when Uncle Charley put an armful of sweet hay into his big farm sled, and tucked the quilts and blankets around Aunt Mary and their three children.

"We must go by the hill road this time, papa," said Harry, "for what if Uncle John's folks should be coming to see us? You know they always come that way; Jessie said so the last time I saw her."

And so, just as Uncle Charley is fairly out of sight on the hill road, here comes Uncle John on the spring road.

"Well, I declare!" he says, as he knocks and tries the door. "We've missed them, sure enough."

"You will find the key," said Aunt Clara, "under the left-hand edge of the kitchen doorstep. Aunt Mary would want us to go in and warm, of course."

So they went in and found the fires still bright.

"Why, they've only just gone," said Uncle John.

"And what's this? Oh, what's this?" cried Jessie.

"It's the dinner! Oh, it's the dinner! Their great big dinner basket," exclaimed Kitty. And they began to jump and dance about it, and to peep under the cover, giggling and talking both at once.

"They forgot it. Oh, doughnuts! Oh, chicken pie! A big, big chicken pie!"

By this time Aunt Clara had taken off her wraps and Baby Fay's, and had made up her mind what to do.

"They will soon be back," she said. "I will lay the cloth, John, and set things to warm. Aunt Mary shall not do all the work this time."

So Uncle John put old Prince into the barn and Aunt Clara put the big, big chicken pie into the oven. And Kitty and Jessie played with Baby Fay while she set the table. When all was ready, and Uncle John had come in and sat reading the Daily News, there came a loud knocking at the door. They all went to open it, and then what fun there was!

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Prohibition has helped Kansas.

By The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon.



WHAT has prohibition done for Kansas?

There are many sides to any question. It has been many years since Kansas became more or less notorious through its laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicants. Previously Maine had a monopoly in the prohibition line. Kansas has been all the way through it. There are people who say that prohibition doesn't prohibit. Now, a few words about Kansas, a state where "potatoes they grow small, and potatoes they grow tall, and they eat them skins and all—in Kansas".

Kansas has the smallest number of paupers to its population of any state in the union. It spends more money for education than any other state in proportion to its population. It publishes some 805 newspaper publications, including dailies, weeklies, monthlies, etc. Out of that entire number only twenty ever publish any liquor advertisements, and four of the twenty are printed in the German language. It is not necessary to enlarge on the moral and religious uplift to a community which is made possible by the absence of an institution which as history is being written has degraded the human race and brought it down to the brute more than any other one thing known to men. It is a source of constant marvel that any Christian community can endure without constant and practical protest a business which has not one single good thing to its credit; which has centuries of ruin, and dishonor and shame, and broken hearts, and broken homes, and dwarfed and pinched and starved children, and bruised motherhood and wifehood laid at its feet and piled up high as an offering of the devil to one of the greatest passions known to the race. I think it may be said without fear of contradiction that twenty-seven years' experience which the law as it now exists in Kansas has fortified the people's hearts in its favor.

The prohibitory amendment to the constitution of Kansas was submitted to the people by the legislature of 1879. After full and intelligent discussion of the measure by the people for a year, the amendment was adopted by a general election in 1880 by a vote of 91,874 against 84,037. The legislature of 1881 gave effect to this constitutional provision by a statute which went into effect the first day of May, 1881. From that time to the present this statutory amendment has been the source of discussion and of action in many different ways among the people of the state of Kansas. The law itself has been on the statute books now nearly twenty-five years, and it may safely be said that by a larger majority than that which voted the law into existence twenty-five years ago the same law is believed in and upheld by the people today.

Every one in Kansas knows that certain places in the state have deliberately nullified the amendment and have disregarded the statute as enacted. It does no harm to mention these places, for every one in Kansas and those who are familiar with the state know their names quite well. It is not vilifying these places to put them on the roll of dishonor so far as this particular disobedience to law is concerned, for they have put themselves on that roll by their own act. The cities which have for twenty-five years refused to obey the law, and have accepted a condition of defiance to the constitution, are: Atchison, Leavenworth, Wichita, Kansas City, Fort Scott, Junction City, Pittsburg. There could also be added to this roll, which has practically for the better part of these years been the same, other smaller towns and communities which at different intervals have tried to be a law to themselves. The city of Topeka has from the beginning, through the public sentiment of its population, demanded enforcement of the law, without always securing it, owing to the fact that under some city and county administrations the entire number of officers in authority were opposed to or indifferent

to the enforcement of the law.

The law has been a center of attraction for different kinds of people in rallying around a common vantage ground where men of different political views and of different religious views could unite on the one issue of law or lawlessness. One of the things which has helped to unite the churches in Kansas has been the fact of this constant moral issue created by the enactment of the law.

The value of such public sentiment is incalculable in the protection of the community from those who would destroy it for the sake of bloody gain or for the exercise of their personal passion.

It may be well, also, to note some economical facts connected with the prohibitory law in Kansas during the last twenty-seven years. Here are some facts which the government itself furnishes, and which no one can deny. Four years ago the total amount of taxes paid to government in Kansas for liquor licenses, including druggist permits to sell on prescription, was \$115,483. In Nebraska, which is a high license state, and which has one-third less population than Kansas, the amount was \$2,776,900. In Missouri, another high license state, adjoining Kansas on the east, the entire amount of taxes paid to government was \$5,576,945. Of fermented liquors there were shipped into Kansas four years ago, 9,022 barrels; into Nebraska, 255,972 barrels; into Missouri the same year, 2,699,778 barrels. There is only \$1 paid to the national government for license tax in Kansas to more than \$40 in Nebraska and \$140 in Missouri.

And in addition to this it may be stated without fear of contradiction that the liquor laws of Nebraska and Missouri are violated more times than the prohibitory law in Kansas. As an economic statement of what prohibition has done for Kansas this is one item out of scores of other. From 105 counties in Kansas only 21 have any paupers in them; 25 have poorhouses; 35 have their jails absolutely empty; 37 have no criminal cases on their docket.

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Mental Overpressure is Dangerous.

By Prof. Angelo Mosso.



INSANELY I destroyed my health by seven years' study at the time when I should have been laying the foundation of a good constitution."

These words of Giacomo Leopardi

sum up all there is to be said on the subject of mental overpressure. Generously he wished others to escape an evil from which he suffered so sadly in his own youth; and he adds: "I have most unhappily ruined myself for my whole life and rendered my appearance wretched and contemptible—all that great part of man which is the only thing whereof most people take any account."

Thus he lamented at 20 years of age, when, exhausted by thought, bowed by study and sleepless nights, he left the retirement of his ancestral estate of Recanati, where he had passed his joyless youth.

Certainly no other genius paid so high a compliment to nature. At 18 years of age he was so familiar with Latin and Greek that neither of these languages had any secrets from him; at 20 he rivaled as a poet the greatest bards of Greece. But the poetic talent and erudition which made him a miracle of our age sapped his constitution, leaving him an invalid for life and causing a melancholy which overclouded the spring time of his years.

Alexander von Humboldt says of himself: "I was 18 years of age, and yet knew nothing. My teachers foretold little or no good of me, but if I had adopted their methods and bent to their requirements both my body and my mind would have been ruined forever."

I have cited these two examples be-

cause they show that as early as the beginning of the nineteenth century the disastrous effects of over-pressure were thoroughly appreciated. It is only recently, however, that the attention of physicians and hygienists has been especially directed to the evil which overpressure may work upon the youthful organism. It was in 1877, I think, at the congress of hygiene at Nuremberg, that Prof. Finkelburg spoke of this for the first time.

The conclusion of that congress was that the German school system interferes with physical development, more particularly with sight; that the brain work in the schools is excessive; and that physical culture is neglected.

Physiology cannot say for certain how much fatigue the brain is capable of standing without overpressure, nor at what precise age it can sustain fatigue without injury. Certainly it is never well before the sixth year to fatigue a child in school. On the other hand, moderate mental exercise assists the development of the brain, for, as physiologists say, function makes the organ. There is an intricate network of causes and effects, acting reciprocally one upon the other. A brain must be made to work, just as a field must be cultivated to prevent its running wild. But the instant that study begins exhausting it ceases to be useful. We should exercise the brain constantly, but never exhaust it.

When Cervantes wished to make Don Quixote mad he had him read much and sleep little. In this way his brain became enfeebled, and then it was good-bye to sound judgment. From this moment began those sublime extravagances with which we are all familiar.

Experimenters and artists work under the most favorable conditions, for

they alternate manual work with mental labor; but even among artists I have met characteristic examples of overstrain—produced usually by the continued contemplation of their mental images before they attempt with brush or chisel to reproduce them on canvas or in marble.

But among politicians and men of business overstrain is common. In proof of this one has only to consider that most terrible result of cerebral exhaustion—madness. In one of his writings Prof. Andrea Verga gives the Italian census of persons afflicted with madness during the years between 1874 and 1888; and he finds that the Jews furnish the largest contribution, the proportion among them exceeding three per 1,000. The same result is obtained in every country in Europe, and "must be attributed," says Verga, "to the feverish anxiety with which this strong and intelligent Semitic race pursue their interests."

But American politicians surpass in this respect the Jews of Europe. In the District of Columbia there are 5.20 cases of insanity per 1,000. This figure I have taken from Scribner's statistical tables, and I am ignorant of the cause of such an enormous proportion. In the state of Vermont, which stands next in the record, the proportion is only three per 1,000, while in Texas and other states the proportion decreases to .9 or to .5 per 1,000.

Men in political life, with few exceptions, wear themselves out by overwork and age rapidly. The correspondence of Cavour is full of allusions to the sleepless nights, and the profound exhaustion both of body and mind which his political campaigns cost him. A happy expression in his letters has struck me, one which he uses to indicate the necessity of rest after work.

He says that one must let the brain lie fallow, like a field that is allowed to rest, so that it may be sown again the next year.

Pinel, the founder of modern psychiatry, who was professor of mental diseases in Paris toward the end of the eighteenth century, showed that political revolutions deeply affected the nervous system of a nation and bring about an increase in the number of the insane. The late civil war in America was a confirmation on a large scale of this statement.

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Do Women Want to be Free.

By Robert Michens.



DO WOMEN — or perhaps I had better say does woman — like to be free, utterly free? I sometimes wonder. Personal liberty seems to me to be almost the best thing in life — the liberty to come in and go out when one pleases, unwatched, unquestioned, unwondered at; the liberty to wander when the wandering spirit comes upon one; the liberty to be what many people call "odd"; the liberty, in short, to be one's self so far as one can be one's self without doing harm to others or encroaching upon their freedom. And many men certainly revel in this personal liberty, and would sacrifice almost everything to have and keep it. But the other day, when I said to a clever woman that I often pitied women because I thought they had so much less of this liberty than men, she answered: "O, but we don't want all that. What we want is to be

looked after and taken care of."

Some years ago there seemed to be a new unrest in the world of women; they seemed to be dissatisfied with the existing conditions of their lives, to want a greater emancipation. Book after book was written by them sounding a note of revolt. There was the revolt of the daughters and the revolt of the spinsters, who declared, some of them, that they preferred to be spinsters, and would hate to be married.

Clubs were formed for these pioneers. Speeches were made. There were perpetual debates, in which men were denounced, and mere mothers — those old fashioned women who thought "a woman's highest and noblest function" was motherhood — were sneered at and derided. Women were to be this and to be that. They were to enter all the professions. They were to sit in legislative halls. They were to wear trousers if they pleased, and they did — a few of them — wear those frightful garments called "divided skirts," at which when I looked I sometimes desired their death, for in

death they should not be divided. There was a cropping of hair and a wearing of shirt collars, and a good deal of swaggering that was supposed to be "manly." And the old fashioned women cried, "What are we coming to?" And some of us men echoed the wail in bass voices, but with acute anxiety. And what has it all ended in — or shall I say is it all ending in? The smoke of the cigarette, or reaction?

Well, there seem to be symptoms in the air. Lucas Malet, a wise and temperate minded woman, writes an article on "The Threatened Resubjection of Women." Miss Elizabeth Robins, that wonderful Hedda Gabler of former days, that brilliant representative of the younger generation knocking at the door, publishes "A Dark Lantern." And many other women seem to be weary of the worry of revolt, to be inclined to return to the older state of affairs, and to say that, after all, there is something in President Roosevelt's advice to women, advice which I surely need not quote here, since all the world that knows anything knows it. But is this reaction the outcome of men's cruel obstinacy and fierce determination to be master, or is it only the natural consequence of woman's secret pleasure in being dominated? That is the question that interests me, and which the women can answer if they will.

Do women as a whole — the great majority of women, that is — wish to be free? Would they be happy in being free as many men are free? Women themselves often make me doubt it. There are certainly women who passionately rebel against any attempt on the part of men at dominion, even at guidance. But are they typical, or are they, on the contrary exceptional women?

My observation leads me to suppose that they are not typical at all. Being a man I find it difficult to understand how any human being can take pleasure in being ruled, but I have certainly met numbers of women, and many of them women of strong character, who obviously enjoyed being ruled, who even sought a ruler instinctively, as if their natures need just that — governance, a master, some one who said to them, "I am stronger than you. You must recognize that fact. You must play second fiddle to my first."

It is idle, I think to pretend that women are as free, or nearly as free, as men. They are not. It would be easy to prove that. Men know it quite well, and you might search far before you could find a man anxious to change his sex. He knows that if he could change his sex he would lose some of his freedom, and to such a loss he could with difficulty reconcile himself. But I do not think the great majority of women wish to change their sex in order to gain man's freedom. In "A Dark Lantern" the heroine becomes in the end almost a slave to the man who has conquered her. But Hedda Gabler of the old days presents her to us thus, as a willing slave, and I do not know that she is being ironic. Perhaps she, too, sees that woman, not old fashioned woman or modern woman, but just eternal woman, does really prefer "in her bones" to play second fiddle rather than first. But of one thing I feel pretty sure, and that is that woman likes the first fiddle to be a Joachim — none of your pretty-pretty, sugary, scentbottly performers, but some one leonine, firm, with a powerful "tone," a virile "attack," one who can draw a sound like an organ from the "G string," and whose "double stopping" excites almost like a trumpet call.

If all men were Joachims probably we should never have heard of the "revolt of the women" and the "new woman"; probably the second fiddle players would never have tried to go on strike. But, unfortunately, there are plenty of weak men in the world who arrogantly assume that they are born to dominate women in every way their superiors

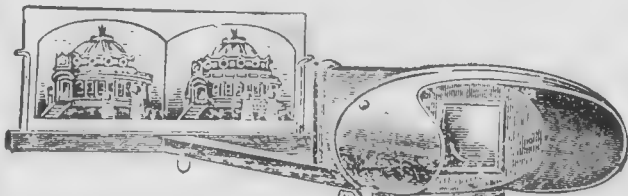
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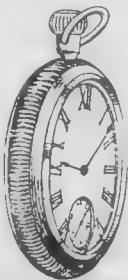


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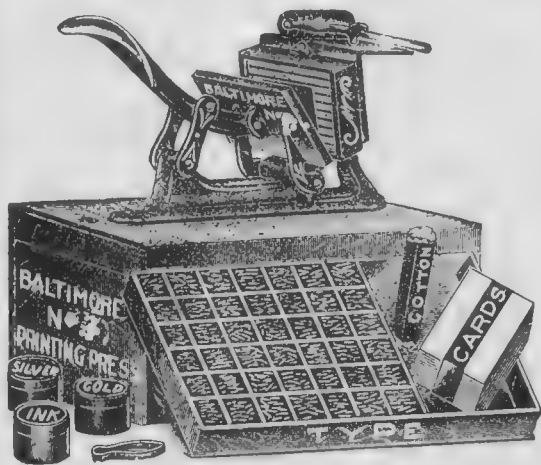


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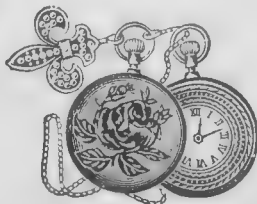


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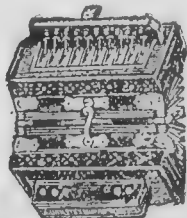
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Organized society as it exists today might fairly be divided into general classes—those who have more appetite than dinners and those who have more dinners than appetite. I feel certain that the greater amount of misery exists among the people of the latter class.

We ought to be careful not to let ourselves get too deeply engrossed with the affairs of this world in the matter of money getting. It cramps and narrows the soul, weakens the character in its power to resist temptation, and blinds the perceptive faculties to many of the higher and greater virtues to be found in art, literature, charity to our fellow men, and all that goes to the upbuilding of a character that will command respect after the man is through with the things of this world.

As a life work I would rather be able to provide for the needs of my family, enjoy the fellowship of good books and good friends, and write one book that would be read a hundred years from now than be able to amass all the money of this world.

It often is said that the opportunities for the young man are as good today as ever they were in the history of the world, and I heartily agree with that idea. All young men may not see the matter in that light. When I was a young man I used to think that if I had come to Minnesota in 1854 I would have had better opportunities than I did have, but it was a mistaken idea of youth, and I am glad now that I did not, for the simple reason that I would have been dead now and there is no hope in this world for the dead man even though he be not buried. I wish to impress this upon all—that as long as you have the breath of life you should aim to be achieving something. Do not allow yourself to go like bits of dead bark that have been chipped from a log and go floating listlessly down the stream of life toward the great ocean of eternity, with not character enough to breast the tide.

What, then, is the most desirable thing in the world and the foundation for all true success? It is character, that quality that makes a man the same being when he is alone in the privacy of his own room as he is in public under the scrutiny of the world. All the money in the world cannot buy an honest man, despite the famous taunts of skeptics which we often hear quoted that every man has his price. Being a good poker player may sometimes put a man into the legislature of this country, or at least not debar him, but it is honesty that makes men railway managers and bank presidents, and there was never such a demand for honest men in the world as there is today.

Young men, I wish to impress upon you the truth—that for every night you spend in what may appear to you an innocent debauch, when you come to be 40 years of age you will regret it if there is enough of manhood left about you to be capable of that feeling. If you could come into the room where the board of pardons holds its sessions and see, as I have seen, the broken hearted fathers and mothers, sisters and wives, pleading for the redemption of those whose iniquities had brought dis-

grace to their families and despair to the hearts of friends, you would value a blameless character as the most priceless thing in the world, and you would learn that the moment a man departs from that path of rectitude and takes a dollar that does not belong to him, that moment he has lost something that he never can recover though he may live to be a better man in after life, for it is never too late to reform, but he never can win back what he once held—a spotless character.

To the young men I want to say that it is one of their highest duties to take an intelligent interest in politics and to become as well informed as possible on the political history of the past, and the quotations which now hold the platform before the American people. It is a duty that you owe to the land of your birth or of your adoption. The future of this nation depends upon the character of the young men who are entering now upon the duties of life. I do not mean to say that you should have political positions as one of the aims of your ambition unless you feel yourself specially qualified, but it is only as the young men of the nation take an interest in honest politics and

demand honest men for public trust prove.

that the future of the nation will improve. Make a resolve never to sell your conscience for the sake of making a friend, for the man who would ask you to do something contrary to what is right is not worth having for a friend. Remember this, that Abraham Lincoln stands and always will stand as a bright star in the political firmament of America not because he was right, or brilliant, or witty, but with all his other fine qualities he was above all things a good man and left behind him a character absolutely spotless. Had he done one dishonest act for the purpose of gain it would have been like a blot on a sheet of white paper.

Good character is like the mountain tops which one sees towering above the mists and fogs which may obscure the sun from those at the base, but the mighty columns eternally rear their heads above the clouds and bask serene in the full glory of the heavenly sunshine. So in the storms and trials which are bound to beset every life the only sure and safe pillars are honesty and truth, upon which all success in life is based.

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BUSINESS WORLD.

BOVRIL LTD.

Flotation of Subsidiary Company.

It is reported by cable from London, Eng., that Bovril Ltd., the largest and most widely known manufacturers of concentrated beef preparations in the world, has acquired control of large estates in the Argentine Republic.

The report further states that the company has been formed under the name of "The Argentine Estates of Bovril, Ltd." with a capital of \$3,405,000 (700,000 pounds sterling). The prospectus informs us that the company is organized in order to guarantee an unfailing source and to ensure an ample supply of highly bred cattle for use in the manufacture of their well-known beef preparation: "Bovril."

We learn on good authority that these estates are among the finest grazing grounds in the world, comprising 438,082 acres with 100,000 head of horned cattle, and two large factories fitted with all the latest appliances for the preparation of the raw material used in the manufacturing of Bovril.

It is further stated that the present company (Bovril, Ltd.) has engaged to take, as a minimum quantity, 30,000 head of cattle annually. This is supplementary to the large supplies already coming from the British Colonies. It is expected that this number will be greatly increased as the resources of the new company are developed.

This flotation promises to be one of the most successful promotions of the year.

Farmers, Attention!

The Manitoba Anchor Wire Fence Co., Ltd., with characteristic enterprise has fitted out a new factory at the corner of Henry and Beacon St., Winnipeg, and installed therein the latest and most improved machinery for the manufacture of fencing.

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Write for Catalogue.

There came to our desk, a day or two ago, a copy of the 1909 catalogue issued by S. L. Allen & Co., Philadelphia, U.S.A., makers of farm and garden implements and tools. This catalogue is the finest and most complete of its kind we have seen this year. It is printed on heavy coated paper which shows up to perfection the innumerable beautiful half tone cuts of the farm and garden implements and tools that this firm manufacture.

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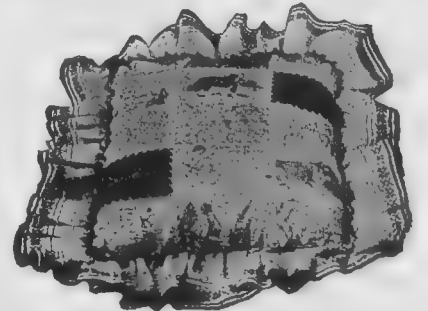
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Music in the Home

Mr. W. Damrosch, a familiar figure at music circles in America, recently repeated an old truth, which, if sometimes overlooked, is none the less important.

In referring to the home life which is the real foundation of any nation, he spoke of the refining, ennobling influence of music where the entire family are drawn closer together through this one great agency of harmony and sympathy. Any home without it finds something lacking there, and to be able to satisfy that longing for music for yourself instead of being obliged to request it from another, makes one independent in their happiness.

The widest and most far-reaching institution in this line, and one that is thoroughly modern in its methods, is on Fifth Avenue, New York, and is spreading to all parts of the world. They use a method of arousing in all classes of people, wherever they may be, a desire to learn something more of music, and develop them in the use and appreciation of some instrument.

The proposal to teach music by mail is so novel that many musicians have dismissed the idea as preposterous, and have thought little, if anything, about it. But instead of the idea waning and passing away, there have been enough who have taken the trouble to look into the actual working of the system, until over one hundred thousand are now receiving a musical education in this manner.

To the person who does not understand a musical score, it is a hidden language, and yet it is the one universal language of the world. To the uninformed the music page contains copy that seems confusing; still, there are but seven letters to learn, and the time is but a matter of simple arithmetic.

If anyone has the inclination to study the world of music can be opened to them, as it is in their own hands, because the entire cost, spread over thousands of pupils, becomes but a very small percentage to each one, and there are thousands of pupils graduating each month thoroughly equipped in the musical profession through the United States School of Music.

Modern Potato Harvesting.

It is not long since potato growers looked forward to "digging time" with dread, because of the hard labor connected with getting in the crop by hand. Aside from the laborious features, the digging took more time than the average busy agriculturist could afford to give it, and thus the news of the invention of a machine for this work was received with an interest that became genuine after the manufacturers had proven that the device was really practical.

That is has long since passed the experimental stage, and is now absolutely necessary on every farm where potatoes are grown in quantity, is witnessed by the large factory of the Hoover Manufacturing Company, which is devoted exclusively to the manufacture of potato harvesting machinery. A particularly attractive feature is the fact that Hoover Diggers are sold upon a liberal trial order, which gives the grower opportunity to test the machine before paying for it.

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A New Manitoba Strawberry.

A new strawberry, originated in Manitoba, is being placed on the market by the Buchanan Nursery Co., of Winnipeg. This is the first Manitoba strawberry to be offered that we know of. Mr. Buchanan has produced many new varieties of strawberries, as well as varieties of other fruits, but this is the first strawberry that has been offered to the public. This new berry is described as being of large size, productive and of good quality, especially for home use it is a little on the soft side for a good shipping berry. The plant is a hardy, strong grower. The new berry is a cross of the Crescent and Sharpless. The "Dakota," a new strawberry originated by crossing the wild Manitoba strawberry with a large cultivated variety, is also offered this season by the Buchanan Nursery Co. The latter berry is recommended for severe locations. It has the hardness of the wild strawberry with much larger fruit. It is not, however, equal in quality to the well-known cultivated berries, and is not recommended where the latter can be grown to good advantage.

age. Buchanan Nursery Co. have just issued a new catalogue. You can secure a copy by addressing St. Charles, Manitoba. When writing mention this magazine.

Printed in English Magazine.

The Graphic, printed in London, England, in its issue of December 19th, 1908, devotes two full pages to printing illustrations of Prince Rupert, B.C. They give great credit to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for their enterprise in building another steel highway across Canadian soil, to bind more closely the occident and the orient. Canada is just now attracting a great deal of attention in the motherland, and the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway is proving a great advertisement for Canada. The illustrations of Prince Rupert appearing in the Graphic, were printed in the Western Home Monthly two months ago.

Winnipeg's Big Fair.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association will hold their annual fair this year from July 10th to 17th, both these dates inclusive. This year's exhibition will be bigger and better than ever and Dr. Bell, the genial and efficient manager, claims that he will spring some agreeable surprises in special attractions of a highly interesting character.

A Few Hints to Fence Buyers.

There are so many fences on the market—and so many of them seem good enough, that it is not out of place here, to caution all buyers—and to tell you a few things to watch out for. Many of our readers have bought fencing that they were sorry for and we give you the following hints for the benefit of prospective fence buyers.

The saving on the first cost of a fence—is in many cases—"pennywise and pound foolish." The "cheap" fence wears out a great deal quicker and the loss in fence quality more than discounts the saving on the first cost.

Which all goes to prove that it pays to get a good fence when you do get one. It takes time and costs money to repair fences, and the farmer who is immune from fence troubles is saving both.

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It sometimes happens, however, from a variety of causes, that the blood becomes congested in certain portions of the body. This means that the blood vessels in these parts become weakened, and the circulation in that section of the body becomes sluggish and stagnant. The consequence is that the dead matter in that part of the body is only partially carried away, and that but little of the new, vital matter is introduced there to build up and strengthen the tissues and nerves.

This condition invariably exists in all cases of female disorders. The dead matter retained in the circulation, which should have been expelled causes irritation and inflammation of the delicate membrane, and oppresses the nerve centers. This condition is the cause of the grievous physical and mental suffering which accompanies female troubles.

To obtain relief, it is evident that the first thing to be done is to get rid of the dead matter which is being held in the circulation. If this dead matter is allowed to remain there a species of blood poisoning will result, and nature will endeavor to get rid of it by forming ulcers, tumors, etc.

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The above letter is published with Mrs. Lewis' permission. All letters received are treated as being sacredly confidential, but occasionally some patient feels so grateful for being cured that she is willing to make the matter known for the benefit and encouragement of her suffering sisters.

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Does Tobacco Increase Brain Power

By R. Brudenell Carter.

I have met with many instances of heavy smokers in whom no sign of either intellectual or physical decadence was manifest on the surfaces of their lives, and I know that many imaginative literary men and artists at least have believed that they found aid or inspiration in tobacco. It may be so. My own explanation of the facts, as far as they are known to me, would be that such persons had smoked themselves into a state in which their brains were made to respond to the calls of duty or of volition until they had received a fillip, analogous in its temporary action to the dose taken by the victim of the morphine habit. I believe in the absolute superiority of the undrugged nervous system to the drugged one, and am convinced in my own mind that the tobacco often must have lessened and never can have raised the quality of the totality of the work that was done under its influence. I think every one would be able to cite more than a few examples of heavy smokers whose careers of promise had closed more or less under a cloud of intellectual failure or of social discredit, such as naturally would have been attendant upon the victims of narcotics of other kinds. There is extant a letter from the first Napoleon written from Egypt to the French commandant at Malta and congratulating him upon the security of the island against any attack by the English. The vessel carrying the letter was captured by an English cruiser and underneath the delicate signature of Napoleon there now stands a bold scrawl of "Mark the end, Nelson and Bronte." When I see good work of any kind produced by a man who is dependent upon tobacco I am apt to remember Lord Nelson's injunction.

There is at least one aspect of the consumption of tobacco as to which the hitherto prevailing optimism has been disturbed of late, and that aspect has regard to smoking by children. Many of the writers who lately have striven to direct attention to the alleged physical deterioration of large classes of

our people have laid much stress upon juvenile smoking as an important element in the production of some of the evils which they describe and deplore; and it certainly is true that the immature and comparatively unstable nervous system of the young is more liable to be injured by narcotics than that of the adult. The deterioration is not in growth or muscular development alone, but extends to the intellectual faculties by which the effect of drugs are first displayed. At one of the great universities the authorities instituted a definite series of comparisons between smoking and non-smoking students, with the result that the former were surpassed by the latter in every competition in which they engaged, whether physical or intellectual, whether in the class rooms, in the playing field, or in the gymnasiums.

The craving for it I believe is artificial, for if it were not so it would be as prevalent among girls and women as among boys and men. Boys want to begin smoking because they see their elders do it, and they think it is manly, and so they bear the initial discomforts with fortitude and drug themselves until tolerance and a habit are established.

A similar educational process seems now to be in progress among women of the more leisured classes. The smoking room has become an institution in clubs for women, and girls will soon be eager to follow the example set by their mothers and their elder sisters. In favor of such a result something possibly might be said. I always have felt that the soothing effect described by smokers is better adapted to the real needs of the softer than to those of the sterner sex, and that there is something which, if not quite feminine, may at least be described as womanish in the practice of seeking refuge in a narcotic from the pin pricks of daily life. A man who talks about requiring to be soothed reduces himself to the level of a fractious baby; and my own observation leads me to believe that his narcotic tends to the permanent diminution but use our understanding of the forces of his nervous energy.



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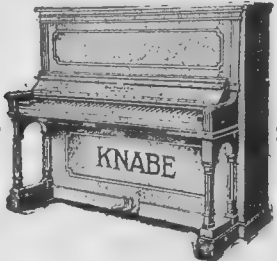
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An Alien Immigrant

By R. H. BREWER

To Gerard Mascali, as to many of his Italian compatriots who turn their eyes longingly towards these hospitable shores, England was the land of promise, flowing with milk and honey. Gerard had an idea that if he could plant his foot on English soil he would grow rich—rich, that is, in the Italian sense.

And so Gerard one day came to England with his niece Angelina, adopted by him on the death of her parents, and now grown into a comely girl of sixteen, with jet black hair, cheeks burnished and polished by the brilliant suns of Italy, eyes like two violets, and a figure nicely rounded, an industrious, unsophisticated girl, attached to her uncle notwithstanding his meanness.

Gerard made the voyage from Italy to England at the minimum cost. He was acquainted with the master of a small cargo boat, calling regularly at Cardiff for Welsh steam coal, and induced him, for a trifling monetary payment, to allow them to sail to the Welsh port in his coal boat.

Arrived there, they went straight to the house of a former friend of Gerard's, now the keeper of a boarding house for Italian seamen.

Next day Gerard opened a small shop, and began to make and sell bread and confectionery; and to provide refreshments. So he had the joy of seeing his establishment largely patronized by the foreign seamen, who in such large numbers frequent this cosmopolitan port of the Bristol Channel.

The more his business grew the greater was Gerard's exultation. Every week brought him a little nearer to the realization of his great ambition—to retire to his native land and live there the remainder of his days, a man of independent means, envied and looked up to by former friends and acquaintances. That ambition had filled Gerard's mind for years. The thought of it had been a stimulus and support to him during the days of toil and struggle in his own country when he was striving out of his small, hardly won earnings to save a few pounds with which to start in business on his own account in England. Eleven years it had taken him to save £55—his entire capital when he arrived in England. To save that sum he had practiced economies in living that to an Englishman would be incredible; he and his niece together had, in fact, lived on half the sum expended on the rearing of an English middle-class baby.

Angelina was twelve, and earning her own living when she was adopted by Gerard; therefore his adoption of her was not a particularly magnanimous act on his part; as a matter of fact, she not only earned enough to maintain herself in the frugal fashion in which she and her uncle lived, but

she gave up her spare moments to keep clean and comfortable Gerard's little home.

Gerard, in his peculiar way, was attached to his niece. He had two motives in bringing her with him to England—first, he could not easily bear to part from her now, and second, he believed she would be of assistance to him in the business he purposed establishing.

The latter conjecture proved to be well founded; her help was, in fact, almost indispensable in preparing refreshments for customers and waiting on them; for Gerard's time was all required by the other side of the business.

They had been quite six months in England when they were startled one day by the sudden and unexpected appearance of Antonio, a dark skinned, black haired, laughing-eyed youth, an ardent lover of the comely and unsophisticated Angelina.

He explained that he could not support the separation from his innamorata. Every day since her departure for England had been an agony. Italia was no longer Italia with Angelina away from it. He could not have remained there another day; he would have followed his Angelina even to the ends of the earth. Thus speaking he beat his breast dramatically. He had no money, he went on, or he would have come to England sooner. But he did not intend to permit that obstacle to stand in his way for ever; he meant to cross the sea and come to her, even if he had to swim across. That is what he said, but, of course, it was his Italian way of exaggerating his ardor. What he actually did was to await an opportunity of stowing himself on board a Cardiff-bound ship. Twice he managed to board a vessel, but was discovered before it left port, and summarily ejected. The third attempt was more successful; he was not found out till the ship was well at sea. Then he told his story to the captain—told it with such winning simplicity and pathos and made such a manly appeal to be allowed to work for the rest of the passage that he quite won over the skipper, who promised to put him ashore at Cardiff and say nothing to the authorities.

And here he was, once more with his Angelina, offering to do anything for Gerard, to work even till he dropped if necessary, if Gerard would but allow him to stay.

The business had grown rapidly; it had almost become more than the combined powers of uncle and niece could cope with, and there were prospects of still greater expansion, so Gerard agreed readily enough to lodge and feed Antonio in return for the latter's services in the bakehouse.

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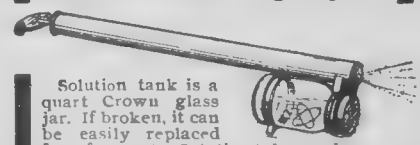
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quick learner, and in a few months had become as expert as Gerard himself in the making of bread and confectionery.

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At the end of each day he now went into his tiny back parlor, and won much pleasure from repeated examinations of his bank book, and by calculating the number of years that would pass at the present rate of progress before he would be able to see the fulfilment of his ambition. He was thus occupied when Antonio one evening suddenly entered the room. Gerard looked up from the book hastily, and simultaneously shut it with a snap. Seeing that the intruder was Antonio an angry scowl came into his face. "Well, what you want?" he exclaimed, impatiently. "Why do you leave the bakehouse; it is two hours from bedtime. You waste time. What is it?"

"I want to marry Angelina—next week," replied the youth.

"What, you rascal!" Gerard rose from his chair and glared at Antonio.

"I love Angelina, I want to marry her," the youth responded in firm tones, with unabashed face.

"Go back to the bakehouse at once," thundered Gerard, stamping his foot on the floor, his face purple with rage, "go back at once. How dare you waste time so. Marry—you marry? Why, you are but a boy. You do not keep yourself. I keep you—me. Is that not enough? Do you think I will keep a family for you, too? Go back to your work at once."

"I will not," replied Antonio resolutely. "I work for you no more unless you say I can marry my love. I go away. I find work. I will have wages. You pay me nothing. You only give me food—poor food. You are a miser. Bahl!" The youth spat on the floor to indicate his contempt.

The glare in Gerard's eyes was fiercer now. "Away," he shouted. "No more of this nonsense. Go back to your work now—at once."

Antonio did not attempt to move.

"Do you hear," roared Gerard, seizing a stick from the corner of the mantelpiece, "go back to your work at once or you will taste this." He held the stick above his head.

"Bahl!" hissed the young man contemptuously.

Another moment and the stick came down sharply upon Antonio's right shoulder. An angry glint flashed from his brilliant eyes, and with a swift motion he drew a baker's knife from between the strings of his apron, gripped it tightly, and raised it above his shoulder.

A wild scream arrested his hand. It was Angelina's scream. She had overheard a portion of the quarrel and rushed into the room just in time to prevent the shedding of blood.

"Shame—shame on you both," she exclaimed, rushing between the combatants. Each stepped back a pace. Antonio met the full blaze of her flashing eyes, and his head dropped in shame. "How dare you!" she cried with queenly dignity.

"I was attacked. I forgot. I'm sorry," he replied meekly.

"And you, uncle—you ought to know better," she said in the same dignified tone, turning to Gerard. Then she addressed both. "You must be friends again," she said. "Come, shake hands."

"Never!" exclaimed Gerard, turning on his heel and walking to the other end of the room.

"It is well," said Antonio, speaking to Angelina. "I ask him to let me marry you. He insult me. I work for him no longer. I go to work for someone else. I shall be paid. Then we will marry. He cannot stop it."

"But you did not mean it, uncle, did you?" she turned to Gerard. "You

will let us marry some day, won't you?"

"Never!" replied Gerard, stamping his foot, "never!"

"You see," said Antonio, shrugging his shoulders.

"But he does not mean it," she persisted. "He is angry now. He will be all right—tomorrow."

"Never!" interposed Gerard.

Antonio affirmed that nothing could now induce him to go on working for Gerard. He wished her good-bye, saying, "I shall come back for you soon. We shall marry then and be very happy."

Angelina brushed away her tears. "Good-bye, dearest," she said. "I shall think of you always—till you come back."

Antonio left the house without speaking again to Gerard. The latter did not engage anyone to fill the youth's place, that would have meant paying someone wages; it would have meant less money to put into the bank every week; it was not to be thought of for a moment. Gerard tried himself to do not only the work he had hitherto done, but also that which Antonio had got through, tried to do it by starting very early in the morning and keeping on with only brief intervals for food till midnight, sometimes later. He cherished a secret hope that Antonio would come back, and beg to be allowed to stop on the old footing. He thought that the youth's ignorance of the English tongue and English ways would be an obstacle to his getting employment, that he would starve, and come back at last and beg to be allowed to remain on any terms that Gerard liked to make. But a week passed without bringing Antonio back. Another week went by with the same result. Then Angelina received a letter in the Italian language, written by Antonio, the address on the envelope in English in another handwriting. In this letter Antonio explained that on the day he left Gerard he met in the streets of Cardiff Giovanni Cappuchini, an old schoolfellow. Giovanni informed him that he and his father were working in the coal mines in Rhondda, that they earned good wages, and he had come down to Cardiff to bank the savings and make purchases. Antonio told Giovanni of the quarrel with Gerard, and Giovanni asked him to go back with him to the Rhondda where, he asserted, Antonio would have no difficulty in obtaining work in the coal mines.

Antonio gladly enough agreed. After three days, during which the Cappuchinis kept him, he was given work at a pit, and he was now earning 25s. a week—a wage which he regarded as princely. He spoke of his intention to come and see his Angelina soon, and of the prospects of their being married before another year elapsed. If Gerard objected—well, let him object. It did not matter. He would marry his dear love in spite of ten thousand uncles.

When Gerard heard that Antonio was working in the mines and being paid good wages he ground his teeth and paced the room.

Robbed of the sleep and nourishment needed to keep the body in good state physically, Gerard soon broke down under the strain of trying to do the work of two men. He stuck to the bakehouse pluckily as long as he could, but one day he collapsed from sheer exhaustion, and had to be carried to bed. A doctor was called; he said some weeks must elapse before Gerard would be able to leave the bed without risk. As the whole of Angelina's time was required to nurse her uncle the business had to be closed temporarily.

A young girl in a strange country, she did not know what to do. The business would be ruined, but she could not help it. She thought of Antonio; if only he would come back—the business would be saved. She suggested to Gerard writing to Antonio and asking him to come back and keep the business going.

Gerard's pride stiffened him. "No," he said angrily, "If you ask him to come back he will want to make conditions. He would beat me. He would want to do what I have refused. No. Never. I will not consent. The doctor is a fool. I shall be all right tomorrow."

But the doctor was right. A week passed, and Gerard still had not the strength to raise himself in bed. One day he tried to do so, but fell back completely exhausted by the effort. The doctor came again and looked grave. Gerard had lost consciousness. Unless he remained in bed and kept quite quiet the doctor would not answer for the life of his patient.

Angelina then wrote to Antonio on her own responsibility. She explained all to him, telling him even that she had asked Gerard if she might write to him to come back, and that Gerard had refused. She urged Antonio to come back. The question of their marriage, she said, might be dropped for the present. Things might be

different in a year's time. Perhaps her uncle would consent then. In any event, she wished her lover to come back.

Antonio came. "I come back for your sake, not his," he said. "When he's better I go back to the Rhondda."

The business was re-opened. Antonio worked very hard; he was enterprising, too, and before long recaptured the trade that had been lost.

Meantime Angelina said nothing to her uncle about Antonio's return. Gerard was too ill to concern himself about anything. But he gradually improved, and began to lament the ruin of his business.

But instead of the business going to ruin, as Gerard imagined, it was growing, so much so, in fact, that Antonio had been obliged to employ a man to assist him. The profits were considerable. Gerard's bank balance began to swell again, without Gerard's knowledge.

His niece prepared a surprise for him. One day she took him the bank book, and showed him how the balance had grown.

He looked at it, and then at his niece. "What is this trick you are playing," he said.

"It is not a trick. It is true, Antonio has done it," she remarked proudly.

"Antonio—what do you mean?" he demanded.

Then she explained.

"Tell Antonio to come here at once," he ordered, when she had finished the explanation.

Trembling, excited, and with many misgivings she sought Antonio and delivered Gerard's message.

Antonio accompanied her back to the sick room. He went straight up to the bed and said, "I'm sorry we quarrelled, Gerard. Let us be friends."

"Antonio, you are a good boy," said Gerard, grasping the young man's outstretched hands. After a pause, he added, "I like you, boy. You shall marry Angelina and be my manager when I am better."

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Play as a Factor in Education.

By W. H. WINCH



TAKE it that the overwhelming importance of play lies in the value it possesses as a brake. It is a truism that civilization demands more numerous and more rapid nervous adjustments at least for large classes of the community. It does not seem that what we call the more physical basis of mental life properly is sustained without intervals for physical recreating by activities which make little demand on the higher nervous centres. We hardly are awake to the national importance of play as recreation. But the aimless shrieking and horseplay of so many of the girls and boys in the asphalt playgrounds of our primary schools, veritably play as it is in a biological and psychological sense, is just the sort of play which is degrading, is just that sort of primitive survival which I hope to see diminished. Guilds, of play, school clubs, and kindred agencies are based on the view not that natural play is divine—most of those in close contact with the facts of human life know that it is not—but that artificial play may be invented which will satisfy the desire for movement and beauty without gratifying low tastes and sentiments.

And this same justification is found in belief as in acting. We cannot long maintain ourselves in the heights; we descend for rest to the lower slopes, kneeling if we can, out of the valleys beneath.

The problem for us is to use play as a relief from work without descending into barbarism in the process; to use play as a means of maintaining the physical strength to which modern life conditions are so inimical; to use play as a suggestive of mental development, so that we may find the easiest lines of approach for adult work and thought and to superimpose the play which too markedly exhibits primitive action, primitive beliefs, primitive ethics.

Pre-Darwinian biology concluded that, given due liberty and sustenance, each individual would develop into a perfect being, according to the law of its species. And unimpeded development, spontaneity, and liberty were enthroned as ethical ideals.

But with Malthus and Darwin and particularly with the doctrine of the origin of species there came a great change. Spontaneous variation was indeed the moving force, but it might occur in one direction just as much as another. The environment selected which should survive. Struggle for survival took the place of unimpeded development. "God helps those who help themselves," became the text of many edifying books; free trade all around; work first, play afterwards. The surplus energy theory logically correlates with these conceptions and their outcome educationally was the exaltation of competitive examination and "payment by results". Then came the dictum "Ontogeny repeats Phylogeny," the child passes through the stages which the race has passed through. Such a theory requires that the spontaneous activities of childhood shall be recapitulatory.

But both these great optimisms have given way. Neither unrestricted liberty nor equality in strife commends itself to the thought of today. The survival of the fittest turns out to mean the survival of those who do survive, since that is the test of fitness. Though in the long run, as the economists say, national persistence may be the best test of all, yet applied to our present town populations, we may be pardoned for not thinking too highly of the survivors.

So that the educational justification of complete recapitulation is gone and we need not regard impulse and instinct as divine guides to which ex-

clusive attention must be given. But there is something on the other side. It is true, no doubt, as some recent work seems to show, that variation has a trend and is not entirely indifferent in directing, yet we lack that confidence in the inheritance of acquired characters which formed yet another strong support of mid-century optimism.

The upward movement of men in the whole, which was to diminish the sphere of government and make democracy safe, does not seem to be taking place.

Nature, not nurture, has again become the dominant partner, but nature, no longer as a beneficent mother working wholly for good, but as a stern taskmaster whom we must obey that we may live; but from whom, if we study him carefully, we may snatch here and there a little victory for our own ideals.

And this view, as I take it, has an exact application to the school work of today. Let us by all means study the spontaneities of play; no instructive work in this department can be thrown away, but to erect our inspiring conclusions into pedagogical imperatives is fatal.

A Handsome Calendar.

We have been favored with the receipt of a handsome calendar from the Imperial Tobacco Co., Montreal.

The subject entitled "Stepping Stones" portrays a barefooted maiden, with basket on arm, crossing a small stream by stepping from one stone to another.

The calendar is embossed and nicely printed in appropriate colors.

Who Will Count the Wheat.

The estimating contest now being conducted by the Nor-West Farmer, Winnipeg, will be at an end on March 31, 1909. This contest is a novel one and is based on a guess as to the number of grains in five pounds of wheat. A board of three judges, one of whom will be appointed by the Nor-West Farmer and the other two judges by the subscribers will decide the winners. About five thousand dollars will be given away in prizes, so that this is a competition worth getting interested in. On another page of this issue will be found an announcement by the Nor-West Farmer with reference to this estimating contest, that is well worth the perusal of our readers.

A Handsome Seed Catalogue.

We are in receipt of a handsome seed catalogue issued by the well-known, old seed house of John A. Bruce & Co., Hamilton, Ont.

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THE MONTH'S BRIGHT SAYINGS.

Agnes Deans Cameron: A home is a house with a heart.

Lord Rosebery: Great minds as well as small minds are often influenced by the most impossible theories.

Rudyard Kipling: People seldom look so nice in real life as they do in a photograph.

Charles Dana Gibson: People never know their observation is defective until they begin to try to draw.

Mrs. Humphry Ward: No vice is more difficult to overcome than that of idleness and untidiness.

Elbert Hubbard: The man who can talk glibly has more professions open to him than anyone else.

Principal McIntyre: No man can teach without enthusiasm; both teacher and pupil must be enthusiastic.

William H. Taft: Lincoln always said that he was doing the best he could all the time. In this sense every man can be a Lincoln, if he will.

Governor Hughes: It should be just as easy to send a man to prison who loots a railroad of ten million, or fifty million dollars, as it is the man who burglarizes a bank or robs a post office.

Rev. B. J. Campbell: There can be nothing more pernicious in its effects than the training of the young in the doctrine that religion and business are things apart.

Theodore Roosevelt: To Lincoln was given this supreme vision. He did not hate the man from whom he differed. Weakness was as foreign as wickedness to his strong, gentle nature.

Lord Grey: We need no longer read the "Arabian Nights" to our children in order to entertain them; we have simply to tell them the story of what is happening in the world about them.

Ellen Terry: I think there can be no doubt that the majority of girls who go on the stage fail to obtain more than a bare living, and a great many not even so much.

Winston Churchill: Chance counts for much in human affairs, and what is called human greatness is due as often to combinations of circumstances as to masterful intellectual and moral qualities in the great man.

Rev. Robert E. Knowles: It is doubtful if history ever produced a more mysterious personality than that which was incarnate in the long, gaunt, uncouth form of Abraham Lincoln. He is one of the greatest products of the Anglo-Saxon race. He is one of the few marvellous births of our common humanity.

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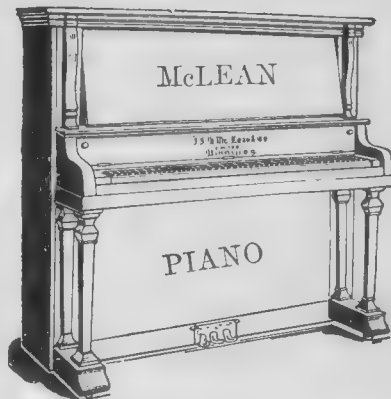
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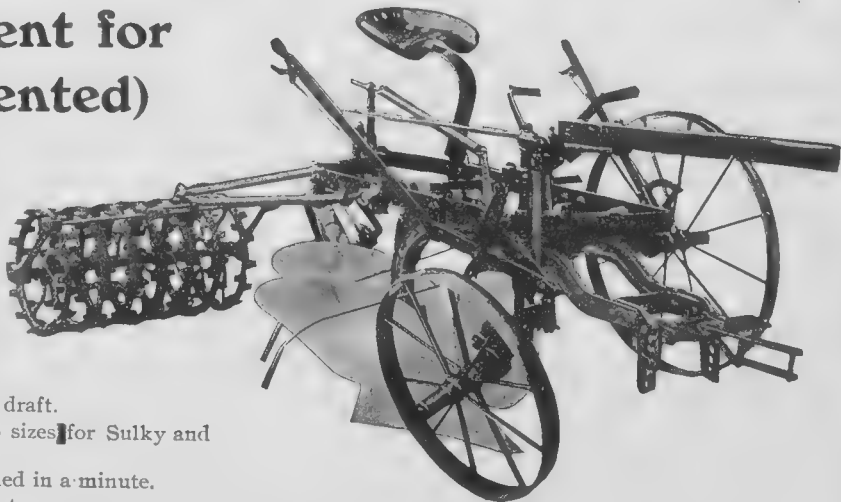
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per 16oz. tin	18		Mince-meat—Wagstaff's..... per 2lb. tin	18	
3lb.....	45		White Star..... 12lb. pail	1	20
Bacon—Smoked Backs..... per lb.	15		Molasses—Bee Brand..... per gal. pail	65	
" Bellies.....	15		2 gal.....	1	10
Dry Salt Sides.....	13		Mustard—Keen's..... per lb.	27	
Beans—Common white.....	5		Nuts—Almonds, walnuts, etc.....	15	
Baked beans..... 60 lbs.	2	30	Nutmeg..... per 1/4 lb.	8	
Biscuits—Sudas..... 2lb. tins	10		Oatmeal—Rolled..... per 20lb. sack	60	
per 2 1/2 lb. box	23		80lb.....	2	25
16lb.....	1	30	Granulated..... 98lb.....	3	40
Fancy mixed.....	10		Oil—Castor..... pint bottles	18	
Blue—Keen's..... per 1/4 lb.	5		Olive, Crosse & Blackwell..... 1/2 pts.	20	
Blue Berries..... per 2lb. tin	10		Peels—Candied, Maconochie's..... per lb.	15	
Black Berries..... per tin	19		Postum Cereals..... per 20 oz. pkt.	22	
Butter Color—Wells Richardson's per bot.	20		Prunes—New, fair size..... per lb.	6	
Co.—Canned, No. 1..... per tin	9		50lb. case	2	70
case of 24	2	00	medium..... per 25lb. case	1	70
Corn Meal..... per 50lb. sack	1	15	large..... per 10lb. case	1	10
Corn Flakes—Kellogg's..... per pkt.	10		Peaches—Evaporated..... per lb.	10	
Corn Starch—St. Lawrence.....	8		25lb. case	2	25
per doz.	90		Canned..... 2lb. tin	14	
Cocoa—Epps..... per 1/4 lb. tins	11		Pears—Canned.....	11	
Baker's..... 1/2 lb. tins	23		Plums.....	11	
Cowan's..... bulk, per lb.	20		Peas—Canned, No. 1..... per tin	8	
Chocolate—Sweetened..... per 1/4 lb. cake	7		1..... per case of 24	1	80
Unsweated.....	11		Pumpkin—Canned, No. 1..... per tin	10	
Cocoanut—Schep's..... per lb.	19		Pineapple.....	13	
Coffee—A choice blend.....	22		Pepper—Absolutely pure..... per lb.	18	
Regular 40c. line.....	33		Raisins.....	8	
Clothes Lines—Manila, 48ft. long..... each	7		Selects..... per 28 lb. box	2	05
Clothes Pins..... Per dozen	2		Fine, off stalk..... 1 lb.....	1	80
Cream Evaporated—St. Charles, per tin	10		Fancy Seeded..... 1 lb.....	10	
per doz.	1	15	Seedless..... per lb.	10	
Cream of Tartar..... per lb.	30		Rice—No. 1 Bee.....	5	
Cheese—Manitoba, choice..... per lb.	15		No. 1..... 50lb. sack	2	25
Currents—New, cleaned.....	8		No. 1 Japan..... per lb.	6	
25lb.....	1	90	No. 1..... 50lb. sack	2	40
Candles—Wax..... per doz.	13		Raspberries..... per tin	19	
Candy—Royal, mixed..... per lb.	9		Sago..... per lb.	6	
Catsup—Very fine..... per 2lb. can	8		Salt—Common..... per 50lb. sack	47	
gal.....	60		Soda—Extra quality..... 1 lb. pkt.	7	
Codfish..... per 2lb. box	25		Spice—Cinnamon, Allspice, Cloves, Ginger,		
Per 5lb. box	45		Pastry Spice, etc..... per lb.	25	
Coal Oil—Silver star..... per gal.	21		Soap—Royal Crown..... per carton, 6 bars	40	
(45-gal. barrels only) Sunlight.....	23		case 144.....	5	
10 gal. case	2	60	Sunlight..... per cake	5	
Dates—New..... per 3lb. pkt.	25		per 22 cakes	1	00
Extracts—Second quality..... per 2 oz. bot.	8		French Castile..... 10	25	
First..... 2 1/2 oz. "	20		Starch—Silver Gloss..... per 1 lb. pkt.	8	
8 oz. "	50		No. 1 Laundry.....	8	
Figs—Cooking..... per lb.	5		Sugar—Granulated..... per 50 lb.	2	60
Gelatine—Cox's..... per pkt.	11		100lb.....	5	00
Knox's.....	15		Yellow.....	4	75
Herring—Holland..... 10lb. keg	68		Icing..... per lb.	7	
Honey—Very choice..... per 1lb. jar	22		Syrup—No. 1, Corn..... per 5lb. pail	28	
per 10lb. tin	1	65	No. 1..... 10lb.....	53	
Icing Sugar—Redpath's..... per lb.	7		No. 1..... 20lb.....	1	00
Lemon, chocolate, etc..... ea.	9		Maple..... per gallon	1	00
Jam—Crosse & Blackwell..... per lb. tin	16		Strawberries..... per tin	19	
Imperial..... per 5lb. pail	33		Salmon—"Tiger," choice..... per doz.	1	60
White Star..... per 7lb. pail	55		Sardines—Brunswick..... per tin	5	
Wagstaff's..... 5lb. tins	70		King Oscar.....	12	
Jelly Powder—Bee brand..... per pkt.	5		Tapioca—Pearl..... per lb.	7	
All other lines..... per 1/2 doz.	45		Tea—Choice Pekoe..... per lb.	25	
Kipperd Herring—Canadian..... per tin	10		"..... per 10lb.	2	20
Maconochie's.....	14		" Orange Pekoe..... per 5 lbs.	1	55
Lard—Compound..... per 20 lb. pail	2	30	Green, a choice flavor..... per lb.	26	
Pure Leaf.....	2	65	Tomatoes—Canned, No. 1..... per tin	10	
Lobsters—Loggies..... per lb. tin	45		per case of 24	3	30
Lye—Gillett's..... per tin	10		Yeast—Royal..... per pkt.	4	
Royal Crown.....	9				

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Music and the Drama.

Winnipeggers are looking forward with much interest to "Ben Hur" which is appearing early next month at the Walker Theatre. "Ben Hur" enjoys the distinction of being endorsed by the ministers of every denomination and of receiving the patronage of men and women of the church, people who never before entered a theatre sitting in rapt and awed reverence as the great drama is unfolded before them in its wonderful series of pictures and its absorbing and exciting action. The play appeals to all classes and all kinds of people. The regular theatre goer is thrilled by its realism and charmed by the love story that runs through the play, and the religiously inclined draw inspiration and moral strength from the subtle influence of Jesus which pervades every line and scene of the drama. "Ben Hur" will make its second visit to Winnipeg on Monday evening, March 8, when it will inaugurate a week's engagement at the Walker Theatre, including Wednesday and Saturday matinees. As the play has not been seen here for three years, it is sure to be greeted by an immense audience at every performance.

The advent of a star of Miss Fealy's standing at the Winnipeg Theatre marks, in a way, a most interesting phase of local theatrical history. After a remarkable run of two years with a stock company of the highest class with George Alison, Rebecca Warren and other well remembered artists, the Winnipeg Theatre was rebuilt into much more attractive physical shape, and with the commencement of this season changes in policy made at the time were expected to only increase and cement the popularity of the playhouse. The Stewart Opera company was brought in for a brief run, and afterwards a dramatic company, whose members were entirely new to the city, was introduced. The public of this city is justly critical and their demand for the best in all things has been reflected, first by the Winnipeg Theatre management having to secure a stock company which included several well-known actors and finally the bringing of Maude Fealy to occupy its leading position. The Winnipeg Theatre's stock company has become a local institution, and its lasting success is completely assured.

The farewell performances of the Stoddard company at Portage la Prairie were very well attended and the players handled their parts in an acceptable manner. "A Stranger in a Strange Land" and "Charley's Aunt" provided the amusement. Spring and summer engagements will keep this company in the east until next fall but if all goes well Mr. Stewart will bring his players back to Portage in November.

A committee of the Saskatchewan Provincial Musical Association, consisting of Messrs A. F. Angus, F. Laubach, James Brown, Regina; Dr. Washington, Wolseley and F. W. Chisholm, Indian Head met in Regina Friday afternoon Feb. 12th, to complete the preliminary arrangements for the festival next spring.

The dates have been fixed for May 24th, 25th and 26th, instead of 4th, 5th and 6th, as originally set; this was in order to procure the adjudicators acting for the Edmonton festival, which is being held May 4th and 5th.

Dr. W. C. Murray was elected an hon. president, and he, with the president and Mr. Laubach, were appointed a committee to wait on the Provincial Government and City Council, with a view to obtaining financial assistance.

Single fare rates from all points on the C.P.R. and C.N.R. have been obtained for all members of the Association, and the local festival committee have been instructed to make all the necessary arrangements regarding halls for festival and competitions, and the billeting of visitors.

Indications all point to the greatest musical feast that has ever been enjoyed in the West.

Those taking part in the title play given at Edmonton on Feb. 15th were Lord Thirlmere, taken by J. A. Morris; Spygot the conscientious butler, Mr. Bidswell; Hopkins the new footman, R. McKenzie; Robert the little page, Alice Irvine; the three ladies of the play were: Sybil Amberly, taken by Mrs. J. D. Irvine; Laura and Rose, her friends,

parts taken by Mrs. S. B. Cowan and Miss Mary Macmorine.

The farce was entitled "My Lord in Livery."

The concert given at Stonewall on Friday night, Feb. 18th, was a high class entertainment. Mr. Earnshaw, the violinist, was particularly fine and every number was encored. Mrs. P. B. C. Turner sang very sweetly and was likewise recalled. And the local talent did themselves credit, and everyone was pleased with the programme, which was as follows:

Piano duet, Miss Musgrove, Mr. Turner; male quartette, May, Lund, McFarlane, Semmens; violin, Mr. Earnshaw; reading, Miss Greta Jackson; solo, Mrs. P. B. C. Turner; cornet, Mr. May; reading, Mr. P. B. C. Turner; violin, Mr. Earnshaw; duet, Lund, McFarlane; piano solo, Mrs. Turner; reading Miss E. Johnston; violin, Mr. Earnshaw; quartette, Lund, May, McFarlane, Semmens; piano solo, Mr. Turner; trio, violin, piano, cornet, Mr. Earnshaw, Miss Musgrove, Mr. May. Miss Musgrove and Mr. Turner were accompanists.

At Millarville, Alta., on February 4th the Dramatic society gave an entertainment in aid of the parsonage building fund. The hall was filled to the doors when the curtain rose for the opening scene of "Whitebait at Greenwich."

Benjamin Buzzard, Rev. C. W. Peck; Mr. Glimmer, C. McDonald; John Small, U. von Strahlendorf; Miss Lucretia Buzzard, Miss Taylor; Sally, Miss Kennedy.

During the interval W. H. Cochrane and W. Phillips sang and also responded with encores. Then a skit entitled "Ici on Parle Francais" was given:

Mr. Spriggins, L. Phillips; Major Rattan, G. C. Douglas; Victor, V. Edwards; Mrs. Spriggins, Mrs. Noton; Angelina, Mrs. W. H. Cochrane; Julia, Miss Alexander; Anna Maria, Miss E. Alexander.

The Brandon amateurs were seen to great advantage in "The Mocking Bird" which they presented at the Opera house during the middle of last month.

The piece abounds with pretty music, among the hits being a beautiful tenor love song entitled "Silence." Another "hummy" tune is "Sly Musette," which was sung by the leading lady, Yvette (Mrs. Douglas) accompanied by twelve of the city's prettiest and most comely young ladies dressed in dainty soldier costumes. Something out of the ordinary was introduced in the way of a splendid octette which proved a big hit. Messrs. Harcourt and Hudson in their respective roles sing a witty little ditty by the name of "A Different Point of View."

The cast included all the best known amateurs as well as several new faces who undoubtedly pleased, while the chorus was composed of some forty of Brandon's fairest daughters with a scattering of men.

A most amusing play, "The Private Secretary," was put on in Moosomin Opera House, Feb. 23rd. The play had a long run in London, England. It is intensely funny throughout and is presented in excellent style by the Wapella Military Dramatic Co.

The Graham-Sproule Concert on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, was a pronounced success. While the audience was by no means large it was appreciative in the extreme. All Miss Sproule's items were rendered in her faultless style, and she established herself more firmly than ever in the opinion of her auditors. Mr. Graham's work requires no criticism, but he was seen to best advantage in "Trading Joe," "Jim Wolf's Cats," and in Harbold's sublime poem, "Trouble in the Amen Chorus."

The following is the programme of the entertainment at Boisbervain on February 22nd.

The side splitting farce, "Ici on Parle Francais." Characters: Major Regulat Ruttan, Mr. Burn; Victor Dubois (a Frenchman), Mr. F. Cross; Mr. Spriggins, Mr. P. Mickleburgh; Mrs. Spriggins, Miss N. Saults; Angelina (their daughter), Mrs. Millidge; Julia (wife of Major Ruttan), Miss Fitzgerald; Anna Maria (maid of all work), Mrs. Braund.

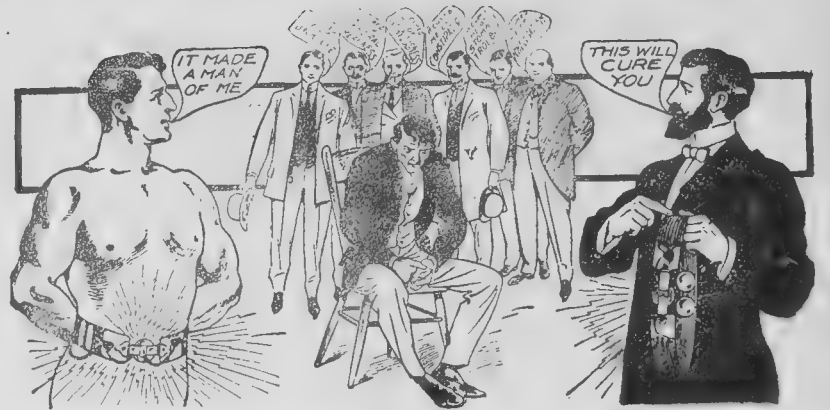
Also, quartette, Misses Hicks and Springer and Messrs. Hartley and Mickleburgh; violin, Miss Gray; dramatic, Miss Fisher; vocal, Mrs. Grant, Misses Hicks and Springer, Messrs. E. Taylor and P. Mickleburgh.

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The Ownership of England's Land.

The problem we have to face is that half the land of Great Britain belongs to 2,500 people.—London Leader.

Taking his Word for it.

King Menelik denies that he is dead, and those who know him best believe him.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Women's Working Hours.

Labor leaders want an eight-hour day law for women who work. That is, for those who work away from home.—Cleveland News.

Security in Friendship.

Many people in France have the idea that France requires no fleet since England in case of war would sink the vessels of France's enemies.—Cri de Paris, Paris.

Wonders of Radium.

It would almost give radium the primacy among the "fairy tales of science" to find that it offered the secret of victory over this scourge (cancer) of the human race.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Apprenticeships.

It is said that King Edward makes a good king because he served such a long apprenticeship. Of course the same thing will be urged in Bryan's favor in 1912.—Detroit Free Press.

The Seductive Catalogue.

After looking over a new catalogue you begin to have a more hopeful feeling that perhaps, after all, it would be worth while to try to grow some sweet peas again this year.—Ottawa Free Press.

"Little Englands."

The English always carry with them their national customs, and wherever they settle down, even for a while, they organize "little Englands."—L'Opinion, Paris.

The Danger Signal.

Forests on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains are rapidly disappearing. This must be checked if the agricultural interests of Alberta and Saskatchewan are not to be seriously affected.—Toronto News.

A Fine Example of Brevity.

Studying Lincoln's Gettysburg speech of 266 words, members of Parliament might highly resolve not to take up so much space in Hansard.—Ottawa Evening Journal.

The Law's Delays.

An unfinished case was before the Court of King's Bench this week, in which the original plaintiff and defendant and also the referee are dead. Law reform should enable litigants at least to learn the decision before they die.—Toronto Globe.

Uses of Caricature.

Cartoons and caricatures do not hurt anyone nowadays. If they are vulgar, the victim merely shrugs his shoulders; if they are witty, he smiles. The main thing is to be in the public eye and be talked about.—Gaulois, Paris.

Women at Prince Rupert.

Three weeks ago it stated that a woman cook was wanted at the general hospital. A woman applied and was offered \$25 a month. A Japanese cook is doing the work at \$35 a month. If Prince Rupert is to be white, the wages paid must be white, not yellow.—Prince Rupert Empire.

The Spread of Prohibition.

The Atlantic Journal says a crow can fly in a straight line from Cape Hatteras to the Mississippi and return to the Atlantic by way of Tennessee "without passing through anything but prohibition territory." That's a long distance, too, as the crow flies.—Detroit Free Press.

Heroism and Fame.

The fact is that Jack Binns, the wireless telegrapher of the steamer Republic, would have been just as great a hero if the collision had never occurred. Heroism is in doing one's daily work; fame is in having some great event catch one at it.—Ottawa Free Press.

A Northern Garden.

It is surprising how our ideals of the relations of latitude and temperature are being upset by the exploration of northern Canada. We have before us a picture showing a strawberry and raspberry garden at Fort Providence, on Mackenzie River, within the Arctic circle.—Quebec Telegraph.

Is this true of Women.

A Toronto bank has abandoned its experiment of employing women in its savings department in that city in order to attract the patronage of ladies. It was a failure, because women have more confidence in the business ability of men. Any store manager could have told the bank manager this.—Financial Times.

Versatile Scenery.

A volcanic eruption in the Philippines has tipped up a mountain lake and spilled out its contents on the roads and bridges and market gardens below. We certainly bought something original in the way of climate and earth gyrations when we picked up the Philippines on the bargain counter.—Chicago News.

Plenty of Room Here.

Only a few days ago Mr. Hays said the Pacific would soon be a formidable competitor for the grain business. And already the Canadian Pacific is making rates designed to send Alberta's grain to Europe by way of Vancouver. We in the east will have to think up new sorts of work, pretty soon, or go west.—Montreal Herald.

Full of Heroes.

The practice of looking backward to the days of chivalry for examples of true heroism is largely the result of a habit of mind. There is no necessity to look backward at all. The world is as full of heroes today as ever it was, if we had only the power of seeing them in the proper light.—Woodstock Sentinel Review.

Big Changes since Elizabeth's Time.

The magnitude and the high development of modern business enterprises is strikingly illustrated by the fact of one British concern signing a contract for the construction of a squadron of warships for Spain. This new armada will partly replace the one destroyed by the English in Queen Elizabeth's time.—Milan (Italy) Corriere.

Marvels that become Commonplace.

Another ship has been saved by the wireless, and a paragraph does to tell the tale. It is like the second time at the telephone, the second photograph, the second time on the phonograph, the second visit to Paris or to Cairo. The first time stands all by itself as a sensation producer. All others are mere numerals.—Halifax Chronicle.

A Spook-Damage Suit.

A Toronto clergyman and a Toronto newspaper are being sued for declaring that a house was haunted. So many people accepted the report that it became difficult to rent the building, and the owners lost their revenue. It is probable that this experience could be repeated in many other cities. The advance of materialism has not yet banished the spook from men's minds.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Ever the Way in Politics.

Suppose Lincoln and Washington were to come back to earth and to take places among our statesmen and to assume the burden of government again today? Think of the praises that would die away to silence and of the bickerings and backbitings that would soon rise against them!—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The White Man's Burden.

A redman leads the world's long distance runners. A black man holds the title of heavyweight champion of the ring. A yellow man may come out of China or Japan and break the heart as well as the bones of the man who now claims to be the world's wrestler. Apparently the white man is losing the high place he long held on the scale of culture.—Hamilton Times.

Youthful Criminals.

Dr. Gilmour, Warden of the Central Prison, reminds the community that most criminals are convicted between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years. The criminal impulse is often hereditary inmates of our penitentiaries for the most part are young men. These facts show how necessary it is to overcome evil heredity by means of a helpful environment. Greater effort is needed to redeem youthful offenders. To this end the indeterminate sentence effectively operates.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

The Advance of Humanity.

Pity and need make all men kin. So universal is now the care of the shipwrecked that we find it difficult to believe the historians who tell us of the barbarism from which we have emerged. Some ten brief centuries ago it was the universal practice in Europe to seize the goods of persons who had been shipwrecked and to confiscate them as the property of the lord on whose manor they had been thrown, while under the laws of many of the maritime provinces the shipwrecked themselves were reduced to servitude.—Contemporary Review.

Kipling and the Canadian Press.

In discussing the Canadian press, Rudyard Kipling bewailed the fact that our newspapers used second class words to express first class emotions. That may be very true, because the average newspaper man does his work in a rush and has not much time to sift the dictionary, as might be the case if he had a month to prepare each column and a shilling a word for the product. But if the average Canadian reporter took a trip through England, India, Australia, or South Africa, and could not dish up more original and interesting Letters To The Family than Mr. Kipling has been doing, he would have to walk home. Even a Kipling reputation will not stand much more of that sort of thing.—Ottawa Citizen.

British Rule in India.

There can be no question that the success of the British in India has never been equaled in the history of the government of subject races—certainly not on so large a scale. In India Britain has had to govern the population of a continent with the garrison of a city, and has consequently been compelled to consider native feeling and prejudice at every turn. India is today clamoring for self-government; but she has had something approaching that all along, though the executive officers have been alien. Indeed, this very eagerness to govern India as much as possible in accordance with the mind of the natives has been the great secret of British success.—New York Tribune.

Lowly Heroines of Unselfish Toil.

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"A Bleary-eyed, Red-Nosed Man."

The painter takes canvas and colors and brushes and produces a picture for his own and your delight; the cabinetmaker takes oak or maple or pine, and with his saw and plane and mitre-box and his brains makes you a chiffonier or what article you may desire; even the smoker is proud of his meerschum pipe which has taken months of time, perhaps, and much tobacco to color it that beautiful red-amber brown. But the publican is not like that. In none of the stages of obstreperous or maudlin inebriety that he has helped to produce in others does he appear to take delight. Show him a bleary-eyed, red-nosed man to whom he has served rum, or gin, or whiskey, or brandy, or beer, and perhaps all of them, and tell him, "Friend Bung, this is one of the most picturesque jobs of its kind I have ever seen turned out, and you deserve immense credit for it!" Will he thank you? Not a bit.—Montreal Witness.

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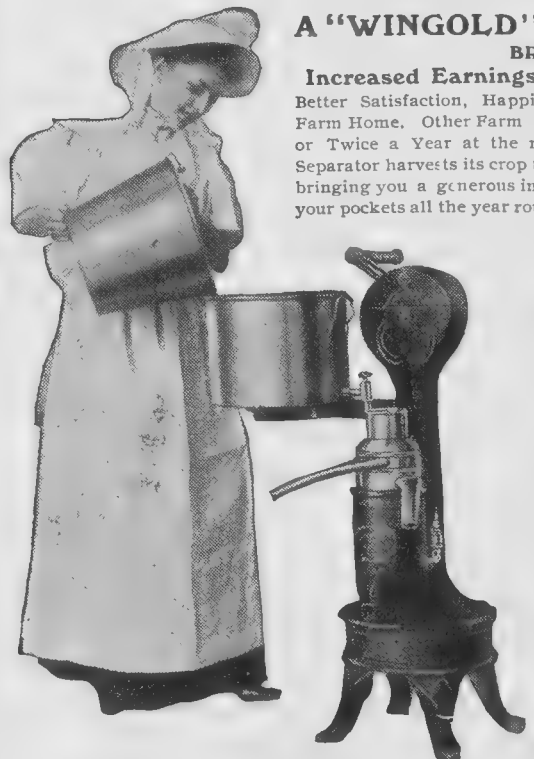
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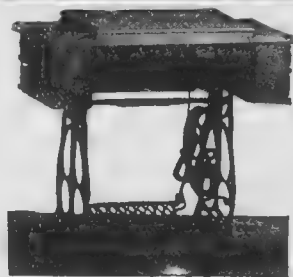
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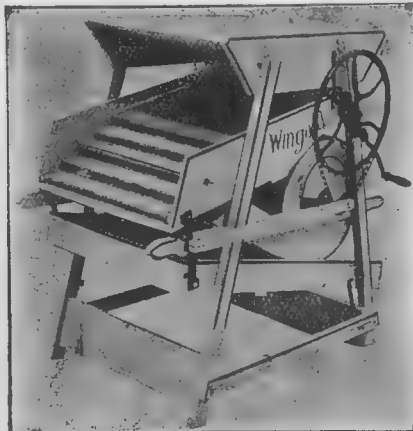
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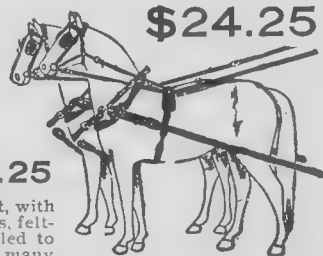


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THE PHILOSOPHER

Canada was once described by Goldwin Smith as a narrow fringe of settlements along the northern boundary of the United States. A New York politician of a generation ago likened the Provinces to a collection of fishing rods tied end to end. It is true that a generation ago the settled portions of Ontario and Quebec did not extend more than a hundred miles north from the United States frontier, while here in the West there was but a handful of thin settlements, and between East and West there was only the wilderness of rock and forest to the north of the Great Lakes. To-day Canada makes a wholly different figure on the map. Northern Quebec is being opened up; there are prosperous agricultural settlements in Ontario four hundred miles to the north of Toronto; here in the West wheat is being grown eight hundred miles north of the international boundary; and what was the wilderness between East and West is being transformed into a collection of mining centres, whose output bids fair to be second in value only to that of the wheatfields of Western Canada. In no country under the sun is there greater activity in the way of railway construction, both of transcontinentals and lines running north and south. Our country is developing breadth. Within ten years the average breadth of the portion of Canada from Atlantic to Pacific which will be under development will equal the extent of France from north to south.

Some interesting speculations are indulged in by the Minneapolis Tribune in regard to the possibilities, as it seems to them, that may follow upon the opening up of the Hudson Bay route. It looks forward to the short mail route between London and Yokohama being not by way of all-rail across this country from Quebec, but by the Hudson Bay route, the only rail link being from the Bay to the Pacific. The Journal also considers it highly probable, as well it may, that the opening of a route which will bring the wheatfields of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta a thousand miles nearer Europe, with a reduction on freight rates of from 20 to 35 cents a bushel will draw export wheat of the Northwestern States from its present channels of travel on its way to the markets of Europe. For, as the Tribune says, the opening of the Hudson Bay route will mean that "ocean vessels, never leaving blue sea water, will penetrate into the northern half of our continent as far west as the longitude of Duluth, or farther."

A canvass was recently conducted by a weekly paper in the East, on the question as to who are Canada's ten greatest men. The canvass showed the following result: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Lord Strathcona, Sir William Van Horne, Goldwin Smith, William Mackenzie, Sir Charles Tupper, W. S. Fielding, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Sandford Fleming and R. L. Borden. Here we have the names of ten men, eight of whom have long been conspicuous by reason of the nature of their occupations and activities—they are public men, living in the public eye. The Philosopher is not prepared to say that any one of them is not a "great" man. But it is probably true that there are hundreds, yes thousands, of men in Canada performing their tasks in comparative obscurity, who are in all essentials as truly great as those whose names have just been given—men who, if called to bear great responsibilities, would be found equal to the burden and the task. When the news was borne to King Henry that the great warrior, Earl Percy, was slain the bluff king said, "I trust I have within my realm five hundred as good as he." There is profound truth in the often-quoted stanza of Gray:

Some village Hampden, who with dauntless breast
The little tyrant of his fields withstood,
Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest,
Some Cromwell guiltless of his country's blood.
Not many men have the opportunity to prove

themselves capable of great work in a conspicuous field where all the world can judge and applaud. But every man and woman can do his and her duty in the smaller spheres "which fate has destined or the will of heaven." And, after all, the world's progress depends far more upon the aggregate of small duties well and faithfully done by the many than upon the efforts of the conspicuous few. What is commonly called greatness is only another name for success, which may have been due to good luck or unscrupulousness as much as to any really great qualities of mind and character.

At a recent public banquet in the little town of Westerham, in the county of Kent, in England, Mr. Beckles Willson, a Canadian now living in England, who has done good service in writing and speaking of matters Canadian, said: "Not many of those here present have any idea, I am sure, of how great the fame of Westerham is. But if any man of Westerham were to go to the backwoods of Canada and there make known where he came from, he would be given a great reception." In saying this, Mr. Willson was drawing it rather strong. How many Canadians, the Philosopher wonders, know why Westerham should be so famous, and why Westerham men should be so welcome to Canada. Westerham's title to fame, and surely it is a great one, is that it is the birthplace of General Wolfe, the hero of Quebec, the "dauntless hero" whom we sing of in our national song. It is no evidence of our not holding the memory of Wolfe in high regard that we do not all know the name of his birthplace. Every Canadian child is taught in school to honor Wolfe's memory.

A HERO'S BIRTHPLACE.

Winnipeg's most distinguished visitor during February was an old Winnipegger, Dr. Alexander H. Ferguson, now of Chicago, who is regarded as one of the greatest living surgeons. He was the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the medical profession of the city, and in the course of his address spoke at some length in support of the idea that there should be some sort of governmental supervision of marriage with a view to promoting the unions of physically, morally and intellectually fit couples, and of deterring from marriage the diseased and those who are morally or intellectually deficient. He told of the undoubted benefit which would result from the adoption of "suitable plans to prevent improper marriages. But he failed to indicate how the problem of how to arrive at "suitable plans"—that is, plans that would be practicable—is to be solved. How could any such plans be enforced? The problem is one of insuperable difficulty. It is not a matter that can be dealt with by law. That people who are tuberculous should not marry is hardly to be disputed; but a law to that effect would not be a proper law to place upon the statute book. The way to treat such questions is not by law, but by education.

Telegraph operators engaged in railway service in Western Canada are contemplating presenting a petition to Parliament asking for legislation against their being kept on duty for stretches so long as to subject them to a strain that may involve the danger of their making serious mistakes. The same danger occurs in other branches of railway service. There were 529 people killed, and 1,309 injured on the railways of Canada last year; of the killed 64 were passengers, 246 were employees, and 219 were persons killed at level crossings or otherwise than as passengers. It is stated by those in a position to speak with knowledge that the killing of passengers and employees was largely due to men being on duty beyond the due limit. A case was recently brought before public attention of an engineer and his fireman, employed on a freight train, who were on duty for thirty-two hours. The fireman fell asleep, resting on his shovel. When he reached his destination he slept for four

hours, and was called for duty again. It is true that these long stretches of duty are to a certain extent voluntary, the men being tempted by the opportunity of big pay. But this does not relieve their employers from the responsibility of inviting disaster. Such overwork should be forbidden, like the use of intoxicants. If a man's faculties are benumbed by lack of sleep, the danger is just as great as if his judgment and vigilance were impaired by drink.

OVERWORK ON RAILWAYS.

A woman in New York recently sued for divorce, declaring that her marriage contract violated the constitution of the United States in keeping her in "involuntary servitude." Soon after that, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, who keeps herself much before the public eye in the neighborhood, announced in a public address that a wife is a slave. Upton Sinclair, the Socialist author who wrote "The Jungle," followed suit, declaring: "Marriage in this day is nothing but slavery—slavery. That's the most polite word to call it, I fancy. The average married woman is bought, just exactly as much as any horse or any dog is bought. And not long after that Mr. and Mrs. Robins, of San Francisco, prominent in their own circle announced that they were separating "because they loved each other." Says Mrs. Robins of marriage: "It is a cruel and wicked slavery. I could not bear to tie myself by any ceremony to any man." Sane, healthy-minded people will be divided as to how to regard these poor deluded creatures, who denounce that which is best and holiest in the life of normal men and women. Some will laugh at them; some will be angry; and some will pity them in their egotism and folly. For every case of unhappy marriage that the world hears of, there are a thousand homes where happiness reigns. For every woman who "sells herself" into wedlock for fine clothing and jewels, hundreds go to the other extreme, and blinded by love, take too little thought of providing for the rainy days to come. For every wife who is "treated like a slave," hundreds reign in happy homes, and pity the Sinclairs and other poor deluded fools who set their own petty conceit against the God-given wisdom of the ages.

Some proper, just and wise words were addressed by Mr. Taft to the young women of a normal school in Georgia when he was visiting the southern portion of the United States during the past month.

MR. TAFT TO YOUNG WOMEN. "The single state is a very good one," said Mr. Taft. "I congratulate you on having started out with the idea that matrimony is not a matter of necessity," he went on to say, "and I hope you will continue it through life, and never regard matrimony as a matter of necessity." There is a fine meaning behind these words of Mr. Taft's. When a young woman reaches the point where she regards matrimony as a matter of necessity, she is in danger of committing the most costly sacrifice of her life. Marriage should be the result of higher promptings than those of necessity. Young women should, and do, look forward to marriage; but they should develop a degree of independence and a feeling of self-reliance which will protect them against the fearful mistake of allowing necessity to lead them into the married state.

A college professor here in Winnipeg made the assertion recently that all children are born liars, and that his own young hopefuls are just as bad as the rest. He did not mean his assertion to have the meaning that might be taken from this bald way of putting it; what he had in mind, as he went on to explain, was that children live mainly in a world of make-believe. It is true that children are very inquiring as to the precise truth of stories. But that is because they are keen to know how much of their world of play there is in the world of grown-up people, the great world outside their own daily round of child life. No one has written about these matters with more insight than Robert Louis Stevenson, who tells us that the child is anxious to know, for instance, if there really are magicians, because he is exercising his imagination upon all the things that might happen if he met a magician. It is in matters of play, of the imagination, that the childish mind is chiefly interested; and often what is considered by grown-ups to be untruthfulness on the part of a child in regard to prosaic everyday matters is rather inaccuracy, due to inattentiveness and to childish preoccupation with the things of make-believe.

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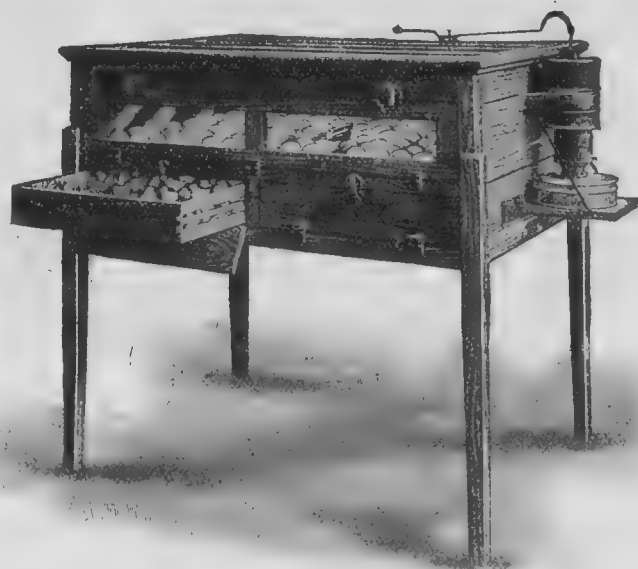
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Our thanks go to you for our success in gardening. Particularly your McKenzie's Extra Early Beet, for it is a hummer. Our crop was fine and sold for high prices—Mr. DONALDSON, Grassy Lake, Alta.

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The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

BRAINS AND BUSINESS.

I believe that I could write a book for young men on "Brains and Business." Not because I possess the gift of the former, or have had a large experience in the realm of the latter, but because history is bright with the story of men who have succeeded by sheer brain power. Andrew Carnegie during his business career had a great faculty for discovering and developing young men of brains. He says: "I have had forty-three partners and none of them, with the exception of two, ever put a dollar into the business, yet when they retired they all were millionaires. But two of them were relatives of mine and they got into the company despite that fact."

OTHER MEN'S BRAINS.

Your supply of brains may be abundant but do not despise the brain supply of your neighbor. He may steal your ideas, so do not be backward about borrowing his schemes. Even Napoleon was keen enough to say concerning his enemies, "When our enemies learn our methods of war and begin to imitate our tactics, then the crisis will come," and it did. "As Carlyle says of Mirabeau, who was charged with using other men's materials, 'to make other men's thoughts really your own, and not simply reproduce them, is an evidence of genius.'"

TEMPER.

A bad temper is as dangerous as a runaway horse. When a man fails to rein in the forces of his soul, look out for a "smash up." "I left in a fit of anger," said a friend to me; "I spoke to her in a moment of temper," said a young man whose home had been blasted; "I resigned in a moment of wrath," said a young man who had sacrificed a splendid position. Prof. Henry Drummond has startlingly said: "No form of vice, not worldliness, not greed of gold, not drunkenness itself does more to unchristianize society than evil temper. For embittering life, for breaking up communities, for devastating homes, for withering up men and women, for taking away the bloom of childhood—in short, for misery-producing power—this influence stands alone. The peculiarity of ill temper is that it is the vice of the virtuous."

HOW TO BE POPULAR.

First, be yourself. Be natural. Be sincere. Be straightforward. Be transparent. Be open, frank and true. Second, look for the good in other people. Emphasize their strong points; ignore their weak points, and be true to the character and reputation of those who are absent. Show your love and respect for humanity in every way possible. Third, look on the bright side of things and wear a real genuine smile. "A friend of Charles Dickens, the novelist, said of him that 'when he entered a room it was like the sudden kindling of a big fire, by which every one was warmed.' What a pity such geniality is not more common, especially among professing Christians!"

THE BLESSING OF FAILURE.

Most successful business men have failed in business once or more before they became heroes for worship in the commercial world. Most successful politicians have had to endure the mortification of defeat before being crowned gloriously by "an over-whelming majority." Not a few preachers of note and fame preached a church or two empty before the people began to come in crowds. So don't be discouraged. A recent writer says concerning U. S. Grant: "Grant, even when beaten, could with the utmost difficulty be held at bay; when he failed at one point he kept courage, collected reinforcements and tried again at another."

A YOUNG MAN'S RELIGION.

Lincoln was not a church member, but he was a religious man. Grant was not a church member, but he was a man of profound religious convictions. The chances are that before you get

through with this world you will need a religion of some sort, so have a religion of your own—honest, frank and sincere. "Henry Drummond was once asked how he would define religious cant. 'Well,' he made answer, 'there is the religion of a young man—that is beautiful; and the religion of an old woman—that is beautiful; but when I see a young man act like an old woman that is cant.'"

THE MASTER BOOK.

This is not a column for religious exhortation, and we are not conducting a literary experience meeting, but there is one thing which it is safe to say and that is that a knowledge of the English Bible is as good as a liberal education. The great orators have plucked their plumes from that old book known as "The Book." No man can afford to be ignorant of it. Listen to these words by Joseph Cook: "If an inhabitant of another planet were to visit our sphere, and should ask to see the most significant, victorious and precious object now known to man, I, for one, should unhesitatingly show him the Bible."

MURDERING YOUR ENEMIES.

What a strange title, "Murdering Your Enemies," and yet every man is anxious to get rid of his enemies. The Good Book advises us to "Heap coals of fire" on his head; not, however, to burn him up but in order to melt him down. And the following prescription points in the same direction:

"Take an ounce of good cheer, three drachms of benevolence, two ounces of forgiveness, twelve drachms of humility, a spoonful of common sense, mix with a glass of pure and undefiled religion, and administer to an enemy every time you catch sight of him. This prescription is warranted to kill him after thirteen doses, and he will rise up a friend."

A GOOD MOTTO.

"If a thing can be done, I can do it," is a good motto, and for all lines of work which do not call for the special endowment of genius. It is a motto within the possible reach of all. Why should I be willing to believe that any man is my superior in grit, courage, will power or determination? "I can do it if he can." The biographer of Gen. Robert E. Lee says: "His early manhood was devoted to his profession, wherein he made, while still a young man, a reputation for ability of so high an order, and for such devotion to duty, that when the Mississippi, owing to a gradual change in its banks, threatened the city of St. Louis, General Scott, having been appealed to to lend his aid to prevent so dire a calamity, said he knew of but one man who was equal to the task, Brevet Captain Lee. 'He is young,' he wrote, 'but if the work can be done, he can do it.'"

FOUR KINDS OF PROFESSORS.

Young man, please remember that humanity is taking your size and measure. You are being rated, classified, arranged and labeled. Even professors, who are supposed to be in possession of a sort of universal knowledge in their own realm, are subject to classification. Says Dr. Wm. Osler, the famous physician: "Professors may be divided into four classes. There is, first, the man who can think but who has neither tongue nor technique. Though useless for the ordinary student, he may be the lifeblood of a faculty and the chief glory of his University. A second variety is the phonographic professor, who can talk, but who can neither think nor work. Under the old regime he repeated year by year the same lecture. A third is the man who has technique, but who can neither talk nor think; and a fourth is the rare professor who can do all three: think, talk, and work."

GOD-LIKE PATIENCE.

I have read the biographies of one hundred great leaders, generals, politicians, and statesmen, and almost to a man they have possessed a God-like patience. No leader is worth a snap of your fingers without it. It is the leader's crown jewel. Read

this from the pen of a bosom friend of Parnell: "I met Parnell in 1880 after his return from America. I was at Enniscorthy with him. It was an awful scene. There were about 4,000 to 5,000 people there. They all seemed to be against him. I remember one man shouting, though what he meant I could not tell: 'We will show Parnell that the blood of Vinegar Hill is still green.' The priests were against Parnell. Parnell stood on the platform calm and self-possessed. There was no use in trying to talk. He faced the crowd, looking sad and sorrowful, but not at all angry; it was an awful picture of patience. A rotten egg was flung at him. It struck him on the beard and trickled down. He took no notice of it, never wiped it off, and was not apparently conscious of it; he faced the crowd steadfastly."

THRIFT. The science of thrift is economy in all things. Save the pennies.

Save the pennies. Save the remnants. Save the odds and ends. Be economical in time, money, energy and health. Study thrift. The New York Christian Advocate says concerning Lord Rosebery: "England's greatest orator now living delivered an address in Edinburgh on the virtue of thrift. We have received a copy of it. He admitted that to address Scotchmen on that subject might seem very like calling the righteous to repentance. He pointed out, however, that saving combined with thrifty attention to business and abhorrence of waste in all its forms is at the bottom of most of the great fortunes of the world. He pronounced George Washington 'as thrifty a man of business as ever lived'; and Frederick the Great, 'as more than thrifty'; and Napoleon, 'thrifty in detail to the utmost possible extent.' He affirmed that when Rome ceased to be thrifty she degenerated; but declared that never was the role of the rigid economist more ungrateful than today. He affirms that it 'is about extinct in the British Parliament.' If that is so, what shall be said of our Congress?"

HAVE A DRINK?

Very often a young man is under inspection when he least thinks of it. What business men are looking for is character—character and ability, but first of all character. Here is a splendid illustration:

"Horace B. Clafin, one of the most prominent and wealthy drygoods merchants of New York, was alone in his office one afternoon when a young man, pale and careworn, timidly knocked and entered. 'Mr. Clafin,' said he, 'I have been unable to meet certain payments, because parties failed to do by me as they agreed to, and I would like to have \$10,000. I come to you because you have been a friend to my father, to my mother, and might be a friend to me.' 'Come in,' said Clafin, 'come in and have a glass of wine.' 'No,' said the young man, 'I don't drink.' 'Have a cigar, then.' 'No, I never smoke.' 'Well,' said the joker, 'I would like to accommodate you, but I don't think I can.' 'Very well,' said the young man, as he was about to leave the room. 'I thought perhaps you might. Good-day, sir.'"

"Hold on," said Mr. Clafin, 'you don't drink?' 'No!'

"Nor smoke, nor gamble, nor anything of the kind?" "No, sir!"

"Well," said Mr. Clafin, with tears in his eyes, 'you shall have it, and three times the amount if you wish. Your father let me have \$5,000 once and asked me the same questions. No thanks; I owed it to you for your father's sake.'"

"WORK WHERE YOU ARE"

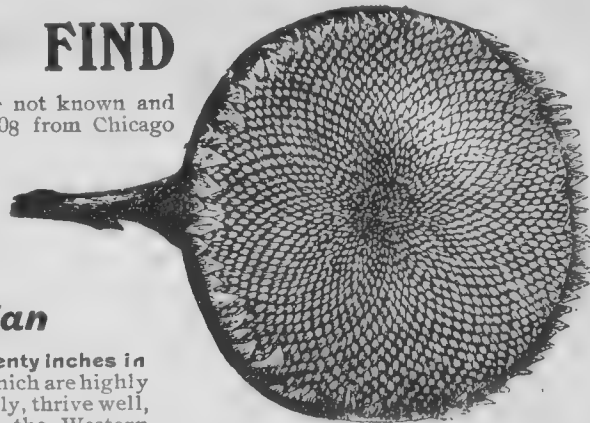
Edison began his experiments in the rear-end of a baggage car. Edwards, the great New England divine, wrote his famous sermons in a room which measured four feet by eight feet. Henry Ward Beecher preached at first to domestics and laboring people and acted as his own church janitor. Begin where you are. Work with the tools which you possess. I find the following in a recent volume.

"Wherever we look in history we find the earnest use of present materials wondrously effective. In discovery Ericsson began the invention of screw propellers through the only means he had—a bath-room; and in a little tube he worked out an idea applicable to the ocean itself. In art Michael Angelo took a discarded block of Carara marble, and from it developed his majestic statue of David. In medicine, Robert Koch at Woolstein, Germany, began the researches in bacteriology upon which his fame chiefly rests, Woolstein being a little village far from educational centres, and affording no seeming opportunity for an inestimably valuable discovery."



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"Glory of Enkhuizen" Cabbage

A recent introduction from Holland, our attention being called to it two years ago by Alderman Midwinter who is a high authority on growing vegetables. This variety is a good one and may be sown for an early or second early sort. It is a sure header and the heads are large and solid. It may be planted closely as the outer leaves are small. This variety secured high awards at Winnipeg and Kildonan Fairs and we are in receipt of word from our Toronto office that "Glory of Enkhuizen" Cabbage took first place at the National Exhibition, Toronto, 1908. "Enkhuizen" and "Kildonan" make great companions for the market garden—in fact they will satisfy wherever cabbage is grown. Price—pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.; ¼-lb. 75c.; lb., \$2.75.

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The following are a few sample testimonials—Mr. J. F. BROWN writes: "I should like to mention your Kildonan cabbage, it being one of the best I have ever raised for selling," (Mr. Brown is one of Winnipeg's leading gardeners, and secured many prizes on vegetable shows grown from Steele, Briggs' seed, at the Kildonan Fair, 1908). Mr. GEORGE CHAPMAN, of Winnipeg, another front rank gardener, who won 31 prizes in 32 classes of vegetables at the Winnipeg Horticultural Show, 1908, (28 of these prizes being the product of Steele, Briggs' seeds) handed us in an average sample Kildonan cabbage weighing 14½ lbs., and reported one weighing thirty-two pounds. Mr. ANDERSON, of the Telegram staff, was so delighted with his patch of Kildonan Cabbage and which he stated was the wonder of his neighbourhood that he was figuring on saving his own seed from some of the heads. Mr. THOMPSON, of Selkirk, reported that the Kildonan Cabbage is ahead of all others. Mr. WARREN, of Badger, wrote: "Your Kildonan is a dandy—I am coming for more next season." And so on run the reports—in fact we did not receive one single report during 1908 on the Kildonan Cabbage which did not praise it. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; ½-lb., 55c.; lb., \$2.00, postpaid.



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Household Science.

It had been my hope that when the Household Science Convention was held in Winnipeg in February, I would be able to report to the waiting women in the country, that something real and practical had been done, and above all, I hoped that I would be able to state that President Dyer of the Advisory Board of the college had stated definitely that the college would be open and ready for occupation by next fall. But I can report none of these things; I cannot even tell you that it was decided to form women's institutes throughout the Province of Manitoba. Nothing definite was done or said along these lines and yet I feel sure that much good was accomplished by the gathering. The means taken to gather the women together was a circular letter sent out to the wives and daughters of the men who are members of the various agricultural societies. In comparison with the number of circulars sent out the attendance was small, but it was very fairly representative. Mrs. D. McEwen of North Brandon, Vice President of the National Council of Women, presided with both grace and dignity and there was a good deal of sensible discussion of the various matters brought up.

Mrs. Harry Irwin, of Neepawa, read a very sensible paper on house-keeping in which she dwelt on the need of the house mother taking rest and going out of doors, not only for the sake of her own health but for the sake of her children. This paper came with special force because Mrs. Irwin is a farmer's wife; she has pioneered and knows just what she is talking about.

The main interest of the gathering, however, centred on what the agricultural college authorities were prepared to do in the matter of household science instruction for the young women of Manitoba. No definite announcement was made; all that President Dyer was able to say was that the next expansion of the college would be in this direction, which, considering the college has been under way five years and at the time of its inauguration Premier Roblin declared that household science was to be provided for, is not very encouraging. Premier Roblin's excuse for not making a grant to the University of Manitoba to continue its household science course was that this branch was to be added to the Agricultural College "almost immediately." Five years is a long "almost immediately." Mrs. McEwen summed up the situation very pithily when she said, "Oh well, women always have had to wait for everything until all the men were supplied, and I suppose they will just have to go on doing it as gracefully as possible."

The college board and the advisory board were left in no uncertainty as to the opinion of the women who were present on the matter. They wanted a school of household science and in various ways they informed Chairman Dyer that they thought it was about time it was putting in an appearance. One of the funny things that happened was Chairman Dyer's description of the trip that he and other men had made to look into the schools of household science to the South and East. He frankly admitted they had been much puzzled by all they had seen and had been unable to decide just what would be best to establish in Manitoba. When asked by a woman in the audience why they had not put some women on the commission of inquiry so that they could have looked into these

matters with some intelligence, he frankly said, "I never thought of it." When reminded that a suggestion that this should be done had been made in writing to the board, some time before he first said he had never seen the document, but later admitted that he believed he did remember something about it. The picture of these men going poking about schools of domestic science to decide what girls should be taught about house-keeping was irresistibly funny to some of the women present. The shots went home, however, and I would not be surprised if good came from the little passage-at-arms.

Women Farmers

I promised to say something further about the work of Miss Binnie Clark and also copies of the Quiver and World's Work with articles from her pen giving her own experience in farming in Western Canada. In the Pall Mall Magazine for February is another article along the same line so that she is certainly keeping the matter before our English sisters. The chief thing to be noted about these articles is their entire absence of exaggeration either as to the difficulties or the opportunities of the new land.

She is still working along the line of free homesteads for women and her request with its arguments has been laid before Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, and she has been promised that "He will look it up and down and in and out, through and through and all round," and as she says that is exactly what she wants and it is where she is confident her argument will score. The three years and a half she spent on her Canadian farm she put in much time digging up, examining and dissipating difficulties and though her practical work is behind what she hoped to do it will bear the closest scrutiny. In an article in one of the great English dailies she says: "I expect the Canadian Government will grant free homesteads to women first experimentally, then conditionally and finally gratefully."

Home Laundry.

One of the sore spots in the life of many a woman in the country is the ironing of the good man's white shirts and collars, and more and more it is becoming the practice for men in country and country towns to send their shirts and collars to the city to be laundered. I am not condemning this practice, where the price can be afforded, but there still remain thousands of homes where the laundry must be done by the wife or daughters. I have never quite decided which I pity most, the woman who has to do up white shirts without knowing how or the man who has to wear them after they are done up by an amateur. Personally, I think it would drive me very far in the direction of profanity to wrestle with a limp, ill-ironed shirt or collar.

Time, patience and a strict attention to detail will accomplish wonders and the woman who once dreaded the ironing of a shirt will come to regard it as part of her work that gives her great pleasure and satisfaction. It is the things that we do badly that irk us so. The men of the household have a duty in this matter and it is this. The man who wants his shirts well ironed should see to it that his wife has first, a good supply of suitable wood for making an ironing fire, or an up-to-date and odorless oil stove for heating the irons, which is much better in the summer time. Next he should make for her a nice smooth bosom board; that is, a small board an inch and a half thick about the shape of the bosom of a shirt and about one inch bigger all round. That is the man's share.

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starch is always dear. There are a dozen good makes, so I will not name any. A good lump of paraffin wax and a package of powdered borax and a few ounces of gum arabic should be bought at the drug-gists; they will only cost a few cents and are invaluable.

Wash every piece of linen perfectly clean and rinse it well and starch in a thin, well boiled starch, into which you have shaved paraffine wax in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a quart and stirred it in until thoroughly melted. Rub the starch into the linen thoroughly. A good plan is to rub it just as if you were washing the linen by hand. Dry thoroughly and out of the wind which will assuredly blow half the stiffness out. The morning you are going to iron, starch the articles again in a good cold starch made in the following proportions: $\frac{1}{2}$ pound starch, 2 tablespoons of the borax, 2 tablespoons of powdered gum arabic, 3 pints cold water. Dissolve the ingredients in a little warm water first, and see that they are dissolved, then add the cold water into which you have put a little blueing. This starch can be set away closely covered in a cool place, where it will not freeze, and can be used several times.

A mistake that is frequently made is to allow articles starched in cold starch to stand too long before ironing. Half an hour is plenty. If they have been starched and something comes along that they cannot be ironed for hours, they must be starched again or they will not be stiff. This is where clothing starched in cold starch differs essentially from the clothing starched only in hot starch and then damped for ironing, when the garments are all the better for standing five or six hours or over night before they are ironed.

Clean Sheets. Absolutely clean ironing sheets are simply essential for good results in ironing shirts and collars. The bosom board, already spoken of, should be padded well with flannel sewed on tight but should have a smooth cotton cover that is only pinned on and can be taken off and washed frequently. Have one ironing cloth that you keep exclusively for shirts and collars and such particular things and wash it frequently. It may easily be too dirty, but it will never be too clean. Have your irons spotlessly clean and if possible rub them over wax paper and then wipe them before starting to iron. Cover the collar on bosom of the shirt with a clean bit of cotton slightly damp and iron first on that. It takes up superfluous starch and prevents the iron from sticking while the garment is still very damp. Do not have your irons too hot as you will not be able to press hard enough without scorching. As soon as you have run the iron over a few times, remove the cloth and keep on ironing until the article is absolutely dry. This is where nearly all amateur laundresses fail. If every speck of moisture is not ironed out then surely will the articles give again and all our hard work will be wasted.

There will be hundreds who read this page who will say, "we knew all that before." Not a doubt of it, my dear readers, but I am equally sure, judging from the linen I see on farmers at conventions, etc., there are hundreds who either do not know or do not practice these rules in their ironing of the linen for the men of the house. Ironing of shirts and collars is one of the things in which it most assuredly pays to be thorough, if you are to have any reward for your hard labor. Now that it is no longer considered good taste for a man to have linen with a high gloss it can, a little practice, be done just as well at home as at a laundry, and the shirts and collars will last just twice as long.

To the men I would say, if your wife, or your sister, or your daughter takes pains to do your linen as you like it, just remember to pay her in cash at least half of what you would have to pay at the laundry.



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I intended my page last month to be as complete a guide as possible to the April and June brides in the matter of underwear and lo! behold the editor man, being crowded for space left out one of the most important items. However, here it is this month and I sincerely trust not too late to be of use.

Blouses

It will be remembered that I warned those who had good lingerie blouses with three-quarter sleeves not to be in haste to change them to long sleeves. That this was sound counsel is now assured by a recent interview with manufacturers. The long sleeve will be fashionable for early spring but the three quarter is to be the summer sleeve. These three quarter sleeves are very similar to those of last year, but with less fulness at the top. A very prominent manufacturer of blouses in Montreal stated that so far their sales for the season had been just about half and half with indications that from now on the demand would be more for the three quarter sleeve. Where long sleeves are sold they are of the tight Directoire type. There can be no question as to which sleeve is the most comfortable, especially in our climate, for summer wear.

Many blouses are shown in plain linen and also in the vesting effects. Some of these having the long shirt sleeve with laundered cuffs while others again are three quarter with cuffs of a single thickness of the material with a few tucks to give body.

Stocks

With plain linen and vesting blouse the hunting stocks will be very much worn and let me suggest to the girl who likes to look smart that there is hardly any form of neckwear more becoming. These stocks can readily be made at home, they are not so difficult to launder as linen collars and are both cooler and smarter for summer wear. A yard of any of the good piques or vestings will make four of these stocks.

Collars

The Gibson collar of Irish croquet or any of the other heavy laces with a neat little ruffle in the top of it, will be affected with the more fancy blouses. One of the new frillings that is very popular is of plain sheer lawn with a hemstitched edge. It is a single frilling and has a very chic effect at the top of a lace collar.

Suits

If you have to buy a suit this spring there are one or two general directions that it is well to bear in mind. Coats are all long and the lines are very long also and there is a general absence of hips. Before going to buy a suit it is well to preface that operation by the purchase of a pair of the new long-hip high-bust corsets and grow accustomed to wearing them before attempting to have a suit fitted.

Another little point to bear in mind is that, if you want to wear the new style of suit, you must not attempt to wear it over the old style of petticoat or drop skirt, for it will never fit if you do so. Everything under the skirt of the new suit must fit smooth and snug around the hips or you are undone. Skirts vary very much as to the number of pieces in them and you can have everything from a 16 gore to a three-piece skirt, but whatever variety you choose, it will fit very smooth and tight around the hips.

It is difficult to say just what will be the leading colors at present but there promises to be more of the mixed effects than there were last fall. In the piece goods there are very many pretty broken stripes and checks and many smart tweeds. The suits made of these materials nearly all have collar pieces and cuff of some solid contrasting color, for example a suit of grey will have cuffs and collar of dull rich green silk with perhaps little touches of the same elsewhere on the costume.

Hats

A leading fashion journal states "Millinery styles favor the bizarre and unconventional" and judging by the few models as yet to hand this is painfully true. There is no diminution in size and the crowns are large and the trimming cumbersome and ungraceful. It is to be hoped that as the season advances something more pleasing to the eye will be shown. Very many of the materials are pretty and there are great profusions of flowers but the trimmings are massed in a wholly ungraceful fashion. Turbans promise to be greatly worn but they are very much in the order of inverted tubs in the few Paris models as yet to hand.

Hat pins are, if anything, larger than ever, and very many of the grandmother brooches are being mounted on pins for this purpose. Jet pins and ornaments are to be worn with any and all colors. Ribbons will figure very extensively in the millinery this summer and many of the shades are exceedingly beautiful.

Among the flowers that will be used this spring and summer are some that have not heretofore been much seen on millinery counters. These are Sweet Williams, Bachelor Buttons, Arbutus and Wisteria vine in bud and flower. These smaller and stiffer flowers are to be combined with large roses, poppies, hydrangeas and chrysanthemums.

Woven Underwear

All underwear is woven, in the sense that it is made of goods that are woven, but custom has led to the term "woven" to distinguish the stockinet variety from that made of piece goods. I want to say a word to the brides-to-be as to the value of woven underwear. Remember I am not recommending you to have all woven underwear to the exclusion of the pretty and dainty things that can be made from piece goods. I do want, however, to say to the girl who will often be obliged to do her own washing, have a supply of woven vests and drawers or a combination of the two, especially for hot weather. They come in very light weights and in pretty designs, are very durable and not only are they easy to wash, but they require no ironing. Moreover, if care is taken not to allow them to become too soiled they can be washed with napha soap and put out on grass or bushes to dry perfectly sweet and wholesome and require no boiling. With undergarments of this kind and a petticoat of grey lustre a woman may be sweet and cool and dainty all summer long about her work and still not be overburdened with either washing or ironing, those bug-a-boos of housework in the hot summer time.

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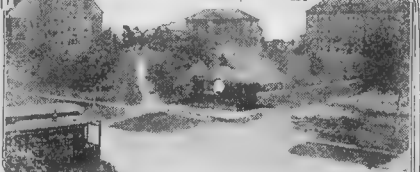
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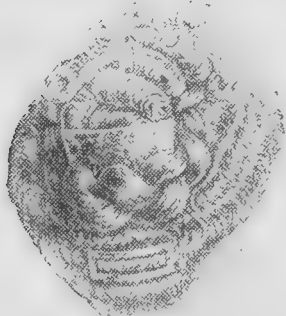


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White Wool Goods. In dress goods this coming season there will be great emphasis on white wool goods and lustrous textures will be the most popular. Already many houses are showing solid cream "silkin" lustres that are almost as lustrous as silk itself. There is hardly a more satisfactory material for summer washed almost as well as they can be dry cleaned. Many of these dresses will be made on tailored lines; that is, very plain, and trimmed with cream soutache braid. Others, again, will be elaborately decorated with lace.

While this month's talk has been designed more especially for the June brides, I think almost all it contains will be of help to every girl who is trying, in the off season, to get pretty things ready for next summer.

In our northern latitude where we are just as likely as not to jump from winter right into summer, it is a good plan to have the summer garments ready, put them on the first hot days and get all the good you can out of them, instead of having to stew and fret over the making of them when the hot weather is here.

Dresses for School Girls.

All of the time in the sewing room is now devoted to clothing for school wear. The little girl's dresses are receiving chief attention. For the fall wear have a jumper dress or bretelle skirt. This is a compromise between the summer and winter dress as a white waist can be worn with the jumper. The discarded skirt of a grown-up very easily furnishes enough material for a jumper suit for a little girl. Brush, sponge and press the material after ripping the skirt, and it will make up almost as good as new. Allow three white waists to each such suit and the child will be well provided for. Have these waists plain with a lace edging about the neck, so as to save unnecessary work when ironing.

Another suit which is very satisfactory for the school child is a sailor suit. Dark blue serge is always stylish and makes up into an ideal school dress. To give a touch of color a bright red tie may be worn with it.

With wool dresses the child should wear an apron. There is nothing daintier for school wear than a white apron and if made very simply they are not hard to iron. Personally we prefer the white apron to the colored gingham for it not only looks prettier but it washes better, and as it does not fade is serviceable for a longer time.

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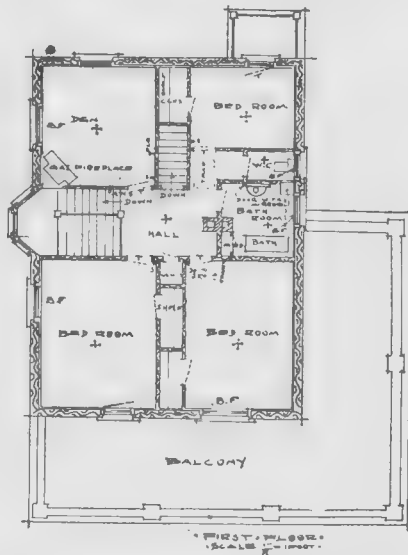
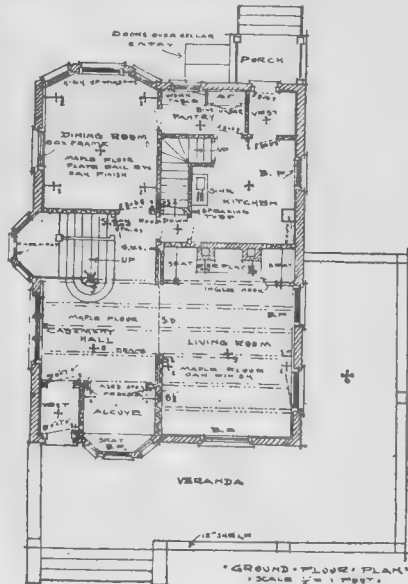
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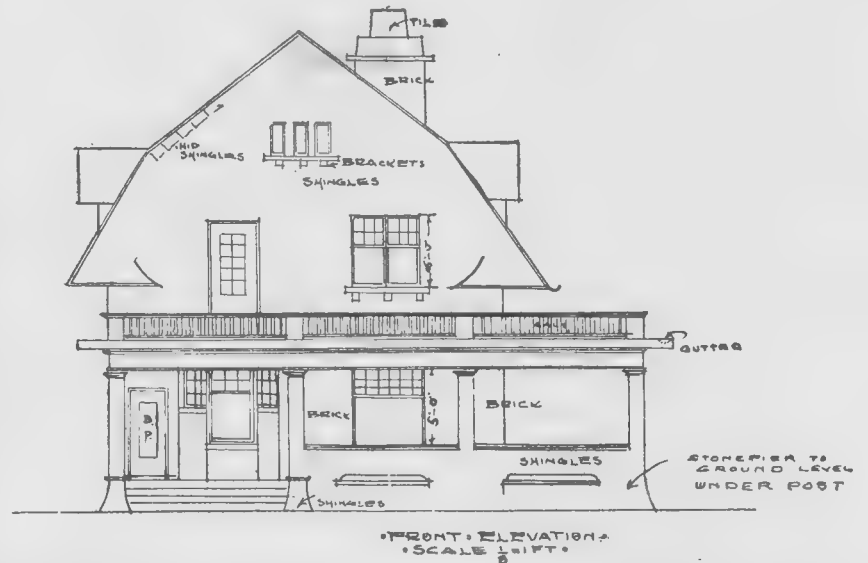


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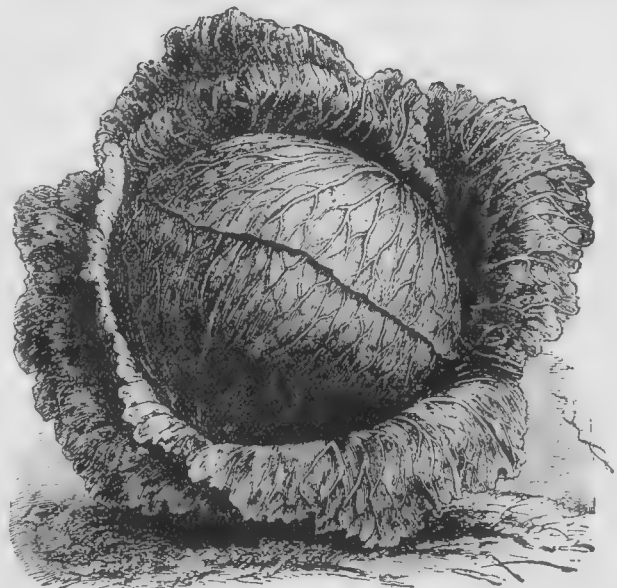
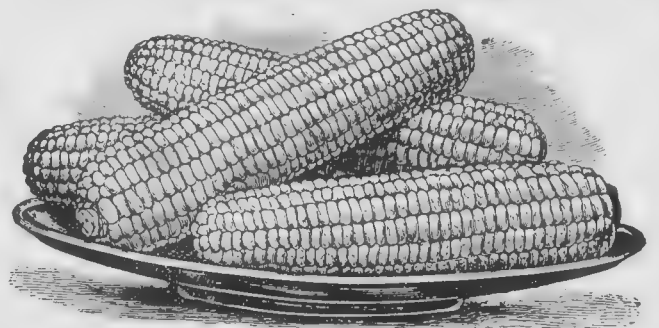
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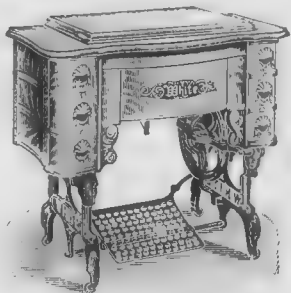
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Scientific Notes**A New Type Bullet.**

A new type of bullet known as the "D," is being served to the French infantry. This projectile consists of a cigar-shaped cylinder of bronze, instead of lead, and is cased with nickel, as is the old Lebel bullet. On being fired it revolves at the rate of 3,600 turns a second during its flight.

Illiterate Children of Immigrants Compared with Children of Native Americans.

It seems somewhat surprising at first to find a lower degree of illiteracy among the children of foreign-born parents than among the children of native parents. For the former the proportion of illiteracy is 8.8 per 1,000, for the latter 44.1 per 1,000. This difference, however, does not prove that immigrants are more anxious than natives to secure for their children the advantages of an elementary education. It is explainable by the fact that the foreign-born are concentrated in the larger cities to a much greater extent than the native population. Comparison for individual cities indicates that there is very little difference in illiteracy between the two classes of children living in the same community. But such differences as can be detected are usually in favor of the children of native parents.—Scientific American.

Process of Regenerating Rubber

A European process for regenerating old rubber has for its principle the separation of the caoutchouc proper contained in vulcanized rubber from the mineral and other matter which have been incorporated into it, such as sulphur, etc. The first operation consists in dissolving the vulcanized rubber in one of the usual solvents, using petroleum preferably either alone or with benzine added to it. After treating for a certain time the insoluble matter is separated by filtering under pressure, or by a centrifugal machine. The solution when separated from the insoluble matter is evaporated to the consistency of syrup under a reduced pressure and is then taken up by acetone. The liquid which is thus obtained is first boiled and then decanted off and the rubber is again taken up by an alcoholic soda solution. After boiling and pouring off a second time, the rubber is treated with boiling alcohol. After the alcohol is taken off, the rubber is washed with water and then dried by superheated steam, which removes the last traces of alcohol and water it may contain.

Spontaneous Ignition of Piles.

A remarkable case of spontaneous ignition that recently occurred in erecting the walls of the new Rotterdam quay is related by the Technische Rundschau.

Morrison rams had been in use there for some time, which by 180 to 200 strokes per minute of the falling ram caused a steady advance of the piles. The foundation was such that the pillars had to be driven through the

quicksand down to the solid ground.

On withdrawing some piles, the points were found, owing to the enormous friction, to have been charred entirely and heated to such a point as to begin burning spontaneously on coming in contact with the air; nor could iron shoes prevent this spontaneous ignition.

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What Water Can Do.

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The British zoological gardens have recently acquired two specimens of the rare talapoin monkey. The talapoin, which receives this name owing to its fancied resemblance to a Siamese priest, is the smallest of the group of green monkeys (so called from the general olive tint of the fur) and is about the same size as a squirrel. The head is round with large ears, the face is brightly colored, the naked skin around the eyes is orange, and upper lip and drooping whiskers straw-yellow.



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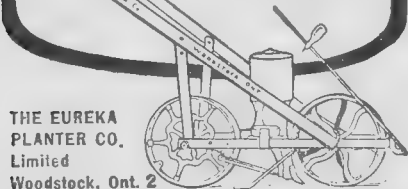
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He turned a summersett fore herr ann throo
a hannspring jusst too sho wott he kood do
ann wuns wen she was goen bi he took
a runnen start ann jumpt acrost the brook
witch nun uv uss kood doo ann skinned the katt
a duzzen times annn then he throo his hatt
uz hi uz possibul ann wenn it fell
he kott it on his hedd ann walkt a spel
upon his hands ann did it jusst to sho
there is no kommun stuff in uss uno.

ann hennry beamus sedd he hurd hur say
heed be a serkuss ackrobatt sum day
if he keppt on ann awl the fokes wood go
frum farrannwide to sea him in the sho
ann bring him flours becaws he yoosto be
a boy in this smal town ann he wood sea
awl uv his frends onn the topp seets
ann taik
moar panes to doo his besst jusst fore the saik
uv oalden times ann maybee shee wood go
ann say sheez gladd heez famus now uno.

butt hennry sedd he duz not kair fore faim
ann if heez famus he wood be the saim
uz he is now. ann wenn sheez goen bi
he onley turns a hannspring soze to tri
ann sho her wott a boy like uss kan doo
ann thinks sheed like uss bettur if shee noo
cwr skil. ann heez not showen off at awl
but onley hoaps bi dooen so to cawl
attenshun too the hoal uv uss ann so
weel stand an eaven chance with her uno.

Chivalry's Perils.

WUNS billy peerson throo her katt intoo
the crick behind thare howse jusst soze to doo
sum meenness soze to pay hur back fore wenn
she tolled on him in skool wun time.
ann thenn
she gaive a turbule skreme uv agguny to sea it in the crick ann billy he
lafft like a villun in a bock ann sedd
sheed no that wen hur katt was kold ann dedd
heed pade hur back fore wott shee dun ann shee
jusst stood ann rung hur hands in mizzery.

ann me ann hennry beamus hurd her wenn
she skremed fore hellp ann hurried up ann thenn
we saw hur katt flote down the crick ann shee
was runnen up ann down ann hennry he
jusst rolled his pance up on his leggs to gett
a chance to waid the crick ann not gett wett
ann then he waded in ann gott the katt awl wett ann kold an put it in his hatt
ann brott it back to hur ann sedd heez gladd
that he kood doo uz littul uz he hadd.

ann then she sedd hur fawthers ritche ann he
wood pay a grate reword to him wenn she
tolled him abowt his nobul deed ann bi another pare uv pance till his got dri.
ann hennry beamus sedd heez onley gladd too wreskew it ann onley hoaped it had not suffered mutch ann sedd in oalden daze
uv shivvulry nobuddy thott uv praze ann wood lay down thare life jusst soze to stannd
in hommdige ann kis sum fare ladeys hand.

The Penalties of Wealth.

WUNS hennry beamus saived up awl he urnt
becaws he redd it in a book ann lurnt that if you saive ten sense a week ule bee
a milyunaire wenn u are old ann he hadd fifty sense saived up ann woodunt go
too serkusses ur ennything uno
ann wenn he hadd it saived he losst it throo
a big hoal in his pockutt ann heez bloo ann sedd heed neavur neavur tri too saive
agen butt go a popper to his graive.

ann wenn weere playen gaimis he goze away
and says he hasent gott the hart too play
becaws uv his grate sorro ann his hart is almoast broke becaws he lost his start.
ann in the evenen u kann sea him go along the rode a walken offle slo
ann locken everywares fore it ann then u sea him walken sloly bak agen with big teers in his eyes too think uv how
wuns he was ritche but heez a popper now.

ann wenn u sea him looken fore itt so ann turnen ded leevs over with his toe in hoaps it mite be thare it onley shoze how turbule strong the luv fore munney grcze



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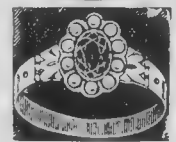


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ann wott a turble sorro it must be to kum frum ritches bak too poverty. now maybee awl his life he will be sadd to think uv the big forchune that he hadd which foalded up its silunt ann stoal owt uv his pockut throo a mornfle hoal. Deception.

WUNS me ann hennry beamus wentt ann maid a cage owt uv a drigoods bocks ann laid sum hay in itt ann fickst sum bars uz tho itts fore sum feece wild annymul uno. ann then we went ann painted reddy brown justt like a cannybul ann he laid down uppon the hay ann justt lookt feece ann we charged awl the boys a sent apeace too see the wild man frum the feejee ilands ware thay ete raw meet ann onley ware long hare.

ann awl redd had too doo was shaik the cage and grind his teeth justt turrible with rage ann ete raw meet ann rattul on his chane ur skreme like sum wild annymul in pain. ann hennry beamus rote a sine witch tolled uv the feece monstur u kood hardly hol with iron barrs ann stuck it up owtside his fawthurs barn too tel it far and wide soze awl the boys wood kum ann look with fere uppon the monstur hooze a kapptiv heer.

ann hennry had a redhot iron witch he wood poak at redd like a mennagery ware lion traners are askairt too go inside the cage fore feer uv deth uno. ann wile heez poaken reddy brown that way he dropt the redhot iron on sum hay witch sett a fiar ann burnt the barn awl down

ann allso almoast finnisht reddy brown ann hennry sedd o wott a webb we weeve uv trouble wen we praktiss to deseave.

The Conspiracy of the Seeded Raisins.

WUNS hennry beamus muther maid him seed uz many razens uz she thott sheed need for maken razen cookeys ann she maid him wissel awl the time becaws she stade upstares ann kood not watch him soze that he donat ete um wile eez seeden um and shee wood alwus maik him wissel soze to sho he was not eeten awl uv um uno becaws wenn he stopt wisslen shee wood cawl dounstares ann tel him not to ete um awl.

ann reddy brown justt happened to be thare in the backyard with lotts uv time to spair ann hennry cawled him in ann ast him too justt wissel sum until he ate a few ann then thay turnd abowt ann hennry sedd heed wissel while he gave a few to redd. ann hennrys muther hurd it ann she thott that hennrys awl aloan ann he kood not be eeten um becaws heez wisslen so. she didunt no that reddys thare uno.

ann aftur wile wenn reddys gone away becaws he thott its bettur not to stay she kame dounstares ware hennrys wisslen still ann thott he otto have enuf to fil thr chopen bowl hafful ann fownd that he had only haff uv wott thare otto be. ann hennry sedd it only goze to sho that muthers otto trusst thare boys uno ann the olled sayens justt uz troo today ware thares a wil u alwus find a way.

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Church Must Assume Leadership

By Rev. C. H. Parkhurst.



It is a good thing, once in awhile, to have hell on earth gape open and give people the chance to lean over the brink and get a scent of the mephitic odors. Monstrous sinners, if there are not too many of them all at once, are a great boon. They are apocalyptic. They show how much of the original grip there still is in the devil's clutch, and there grows in us, in consequence, a big belief in divine instrumentality, for that divine instrumentality is something we have got to have in order to find our way through and work our way out. And church is the name we give to that instrumentality, understanding by church the more or less closely organized body of those—men and women—who are possessed of divine life, and administered by a divine impulse, and, therefore, made more than equal to any mere human resistance that they may be called upon to face. It is to this divine endowment that the church is indebted for authority to assume moral leadership and for power to exercise that leadership with effect.

To no other institution does that leadership or power pertain. Other devices may bother the devil a little, but only the church can discourage him and block him. A whipped devil is the product only of a divine scourge. The schools are not doing it. Our schools are practically godless, except in a surreptitious way, and surreptitious godliness is practically overt deviliness. Our schools make the children bright, but brightness is not a constituent of moral character. Intellectual discipline may elevate the grade of a man's vices, but will not convert these vices into virtues. Civilization does not mean sanctification; it means swapping of coarse ways of committing sin for ways that are less repulsive and more esthetic. And not only that, but the more an unregenerate man knows, the wider the swath of mischief that he can cut. Discipline is in that respect like fire, which is an admirable commodity so long as it is kept in the grate, but which, unrestrained, is liable to snap out on the carpet and burn the house.

Now the fact that there is an institution specifically ordained of God for the redemption of the individual,

for the reconstruction of society, and for the raising from the dead the rotting body of municipal and state politics, and that that institution is the church of Jesus Christ, should load with a burden of keenly felt opportunity and responsibility the hearts of our clergy, first of all, and of our Christian laity, men and women. We, of course, want to see foreign pagans converted. Madagascans and Hotentots chanting the psalms of David, and Mongolians streaming through the pearly gates into the realms celestial; but there is no such plea that the American church can at the present time make in behalf of the church and in behalf of the Christianity it is supposed to incarnate, as to become a channel, direct from the fullness of God, to convey Heaven begotten impulse to the irresolute virtue of undecisive men, and as to become the right arm of God's power dealing blows quick and heavy upon whomsoever, whether by his money, his newspapers, or his correct gang of hangers on, attempts to win preferment for himself and succeeds in postponing the better destiny of city or state, or the commonwealth of all the states.

And the thing to be pleaded for is no merely spasmodic influence that shall be felt only in some season of special crisis, but a great reserve of holy power, a kind of grip upon the situation that never lets go, elevation of thought, exaltedness, sanctity, and vigor of purpose that perennially is in stock, and all of that interfused with the administrative and executive spirit of Almighty God, so that through us, the eternal shall become a present factor, a direct manipulator, a registered voter in all the concerns of society and of state; a church, in a word, that is no "side show"—a mere contingent and negligible element of the times—but a great part of the determinative life of the times, asserting itself fearlessly, recognizing the whole field of moral conduct, individual and associate, as properly falling under its purview. possessed of a prophetic consciousness that, as in the old days of Israel, crowds it to the forefront of events, with all of its prophetic insight into situations and destinies inwrought with that spiritual supremacy that the possessor of every man that is a divine man, and of every church that is part of the church of the living God.

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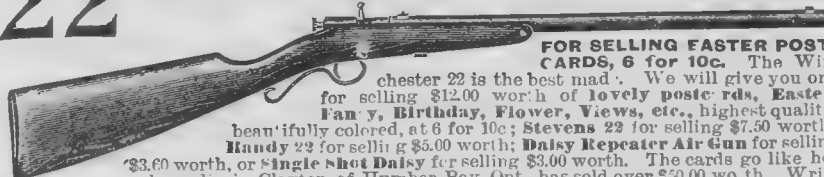
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The manager, Chas. M. Simpson, addressed the meeting and said that the company had now attained a position when it should be able to secure cheap money by the issue of debentures; in fact negotiations had been under way for some time and might be brought to a successful conclusion at a very early date. One of the strongest assets was the fact of having shareholders in nearly every locality in the western provinces. The era of speculation was now over and the people wanted substantial investments. It was found that most of the company's present stock issue was being taken up either by old shareholders or by their friends. During the year a careful inspection had been made of the company's loans and the reports were excellent. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: R. H. Agur, H. H. Beck, Wm. Brydon, C. W. Clark, A. N. McPherson, Richard McKenzie and Chas. M. Simpson.

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Hygiene, which is in a way the science of health, is in no sense a modern fad. In the time of Moses the Jewish laws of health were clearly laid down and the fact realized that our health largely depends on ourselves. The history of the Greeks and of the Romans later shows that the science of health was one of their greatest studies.

Health is not an outcome of chance. It is an effect of which the manner of our lives is the cause. Sometimes we fall ill through coming in contact with some diseased person or through eating infected food, but even in this case our general habits are largely what decide. If we are careful about cleanliness and exercise, good air, good food, good clothing and proper rest, we will escape many a disease which the lazy overfed, or the nervous underfed, are bound to catch.

The body is a wonderful machine, and it adapts itself as no other machine can to a new environment. But there must be a strain occasionally when the machine which was built for the open air, for unlimited exercise and a few kinds of food—nuts, wheat and water—is confined in a small space for hundreds and hundreds of days at a time, seldom fills its lungs with pure air and is fed, not on nuts, but on pastry, not on water, but on coffee. The body hastens to adapt itself, but does not always comply as quickly as we command it to. And when we are eating wrong food, taking in little exercise, drawing in impure air, we must expect the body to fail, we must expect to be unhealthy. We do not always know by instinct what the body does need. It is the province of hygiene to tell us.

If the consequence of our error is disease, hygiene alone may not be able to cure us; the physician may have to be called on. But hygiene removes the cause of most ills and prevents their recurring.

The influence of the emotions, passions, of mental and moral feelings on the body or on the involuntary muscles of the body, like the heart and the stomach, is in itself a subject of much importance and quite complicated. It is enough to realize that without mental and moral sanity health of the body is more difficult to attain. A cheerful, well-balanced, fair-minded man who does not worry suffers few of the trivial ills of our flesh. A peevish, anxious, despondent person invites their visitation.

The laws of health are simple. What to do to keep healthy is far easier to say than to tell what not to do, for every day life is becoming more complex, duties are multiplying. But the whole world does not and can not agree that to revert to primeval conditions is necessary. The average boy of fifteen today has as many needs and as broad an outlook as his father had at twenty. If he does not know as thoroughly about many things, he certainly knows about more things. To tell this boy of fifteen to go back and live as his grandfather did, because life was simpler and easier then, is to shirk the whole problem. To eat nuts and whole wheat and drink water is a hygienic diet, but many wish to enjoy life as it is, and it is for them that the study of hygiene is most valuable. A French chef is not necessarily a servant of Satan, a Parisian gown is not necessarily wicked. Some laws that governed our grandfathers should govern our grandsons, but the simple life is not the only sensible life.

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On the correct method of breath-



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ing, and of course on a supply of pure, fresh air, depends largely the general health. From the correct method of breathing most of us depart in one way or another by breathing partially, that is, by using only part of our lung capacity, and so deriving only partial benefit from the exercise of our lungs. As there are three distinct manners of breathing, they are named by the part of the chest cavity most used: Collar-bone, costal or lateral, and abdominal breathing. When we are children we naturally take deep breaths and breathe abdominally. This method sends the diaphragm (the muscle which goes across the abdomen) down, the abdomen out, but leaves the chest immovable. As we grow older the method changes, men as a rule breathing in the costal fashion, expanding the ribs and the sides of the chest. Women change more radically, and nearly always come to breathe in a shallow way, moving only the upper part of the chest, hence the term collar-bone breathing. The harsh voice is a sign of this method. The muscles of the throat are strained to produce louder tones than the volume of air from the lungs is capable of aiding it to. The result is a derangement of the delicate voice chords, and the unpleasantest tones in the world.

Children should be taught to shut their mouths. The Indian mother never allows her baby to sleep with its mouth open. She presses its lips together, and very soon the infant learns to use its nostrils. A current of cold air dries the saliva, parches the throat and chills the whole body.

To practice deep breathing, draw in the air, slowly, easily and fully. When you have filled all your lungs, without straining, hold your breath in for a few seconds, then steadily breathe out through the nose, and keep your lungs empty for a few seconds before another inspiration. The muscles of the body which the will does not directly control, like the heart and the

respiratory organs work rhythmically. Therefore, in breathing do not gasp and hurry and change your pace every minute. To practice the right method, hold yourself, sitting or standing, in a natural, erect fashion, with your head raised, throat free and arms hanging loosely. Do not practice within an hour after meals, and if you get dizzy it is a sign that you should stop. Mouth breathing causes the nose to become eventually blocked up through disuse. This has its effect on the voice. Resonance and intensity are lost because the sound which should ordinarily pass through the nose is deadened.

Culture and character are indicated more clearly in the human voice than in the features or the bearing. The ideas expressed naturally affect our impression, but the pitch, intonation and strength of every utterance convey in a subtle way the innate spiritual tone and depth of the speaker.

Many children destroy the sweeter tones of their voice by screaming and shouting too much. It is perfectly natural for a child to wish to make itself heard and to have it use its lungs is excellent. But the vocal chords are delicately adjusted and any straining injures them seriously. Nothing improves a child's voice as much as singing easily, quietly and sweetly. An imperfect ear can be trained by persistent effort and even if the child's singing voice is not perfect the benefit of its trying to vocalize pleasantly will be felt in the speaking voice. Neither children nor adults should sing higher or lower than nature intended them to. When a boy's or girl's voice is changing in pitch they should be advised not to sing.

The voice should be used sparingly when one is suffering from a cold in the head, sore throat, or weakness after illness. In such cases muscular action has to make up for lack of lung power and energy. The result is a thickening of the vocal cords and an added huskiness and harshness which may not pass away.

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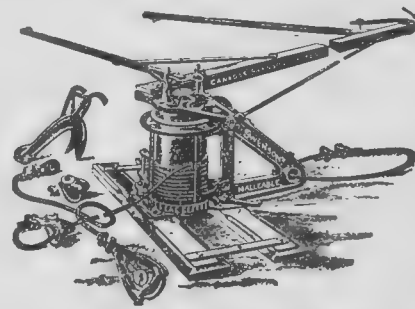
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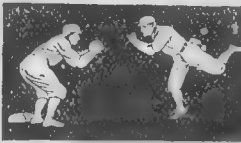


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A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS WOMAN.

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At the time of the call Mrs. Currah was engaged in opening her mail and a large pile of letters still remained unopened. On requesting a short statement of her business experience and the reason of her success, Mrs. Currah remarked that I could probably better appreciate her explanation if I would first look over the still unopened letters. She then proceeded to cut the envelopes and passed them to the writer to open and read. They came from almost every portion of Canada and two were from Newfoundland. Some were letters of inquiry from sick women in response to advertisements; others contained symptom blanks filled out with a statement of the case to be submitted to Dr. Cooley, the discoverer of Orange Lily, for free medical advice; others contained reports of progress from users of the remedy, many of them enthusiastic and all hopeful; some others contained money with orders for goods, and to my surprise quite a number were friendly social letters without any particular reference to business except that the writers usually mentioned that they were in splendid health and had no return of the old trouble.

One letter impressed me as coming from a veritable mother in Israel and I quote a portion of it notwithstanding the writer's wishes. It was from a lady 12 years married whose first baby was about a month old. "I must say," she wrote, "that I think if I had not used Orange Lily there would not be a baby in our home, but still I do not wish to have it published for we think she is a precious gift from God and too sacred to be used in advertisements." Are not these words worthy of one of the matrons of the old testament?

I remarked to Mrs. Currah that these friendly letters while pleasant and interesting could not be profitable, and was surprised that she ascribed to them a large share of her success. They all came, she explained, from the ladies who had used Orange Lily and been cured by it, and called my attention to the fact that most of them contained a postscript giving the names and addresses of 2 or 3 friends or acquaintances who were suffering from similar troubles. This is the very best and most effective kind of advertising.

"The main cause of such success as I have had," said Mrs. Currah, "is the genuine and unquestioned merit possessed by Orange Lily. It is an applied or local treatment and so differs radically from those taken internally. It is based on the discovery of Pasteur and Lord Joseph Lister, surgeon to King Edward VII. In its composition mild but powerful antiseptic elements are combined with a highly concentrated nerve food. This is absorbed into the



*Yours for Health,
Frances E. Currah.*

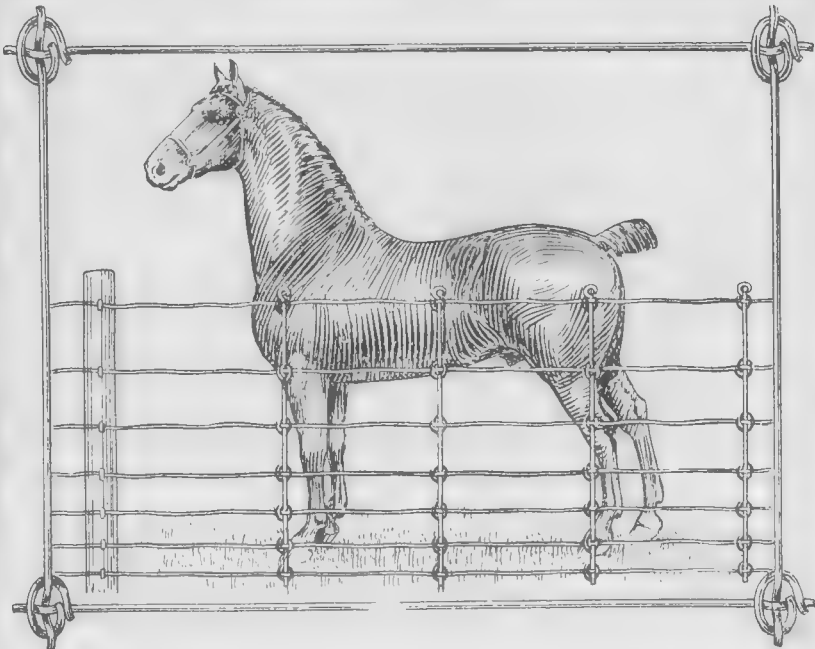
diseased tissue with the certain result that the waste matter is expelled, the congestion is removed and the nerves are toned and strengthened." "You will notice," added Mrs. Currah, "that in all my advertisements I merely request the suffering woman to send for a free trial treatment. While this trial treatment is worth 35 cents, I send it out without charge, for as the good effects are noticeable from the start those who give it a trial are more than likely to continue its use until cured."

In support of Mrs. Currah's theory it must be said that the taking of medicine internally has been very largely overdone. It would be plainly ridiculous, for instance, to take medicine internally for toothache, corns, ingrown toe-nails or other strictly local troubles, and as the disorders Orange Lily is intended to cure are very largely of a local character it seems very reasonable that a strictly local treatment should be the logical method of curing. Besides, if thousands of enthusiastic letters from women who have been cured by this remedy can be admitted as evidence Mrs. Currah can easily furnish them.

There is, however, one element of her success which Mrs. Currah did not mention, and that is that she is possessed of an extremely pleasant and attractive personality. She is a finely educated, cultured woman, still in early middle life but matronly and sympathetic as becomes the mother of four children. She also suffered from the same troubles as her correspondents suffer from, and is therefore peculiarly well equipped for writing sympathetic, encouraging letters. As a result she is confided in and trusted to an extent that no male physician could ever expect or hope for aid by all classes and ages of women.

Mrs. Currah has been in business here for over 9 years. Prior to that time she had been an invalid for 2 years. She was cured by using the remedy she now sells. In her enthusiasm over being cured she obtained the Canadian agency for Orange Lily and set to work earnestly and vigorously. The first year's business showed a loss of nearly \$1,000. Her husband, (who is the manager of the Windsor Supply Co.) made up the loss and advised her to quit advertising, but she persisted. During the second year, she began receiving the benefit of the efforts of those who had been cured, by their sending in names, recommending, etc., and instead of a loss she had a fair profit. It is unnecessary to add that each succeeding year has been more profitable than the preceding one.

Mrs. Currah is a hard worker and attends to all her correspondence personally. She also writes her own advertisements and very rarely uses the same ad. twice. At the time of my call she had a rather striking ad. entitled "Proving By Actual experiment," which has been sent to the W.H.M. and it will probably appear in the same issue as this letter. It is a fair sample of her ads., original, bold and striking and will almost compel notice—Written for the Western Home Monthly.



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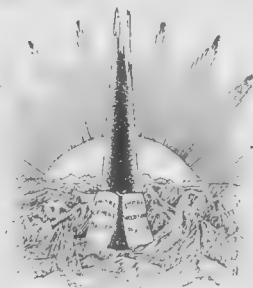
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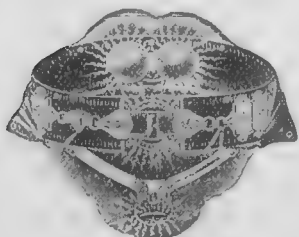
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Mr. Hersey said: "The success of Dan Patch, 1:55, is due largely to the care he receives both in the winter and during his campaigns. He has been tended by Charles Plummer during the last three years, and his untiring efforts and knowledge of how this great horse should be treated have been great factors in keeping the world's champion in splendid condition.

"Dan's day begins at 5 o'clock in the morning, both winter and summer, when he is fed four quarts of well-screened oats with two tablespoonfuls of International Stock Food, which is one of the ingredients of the champion's every meal. He always has a fresh bucket of water in his stall, and can drink when he likes. After finishing his morning meal he is 'cross tied' in the stall, the straw well shaken out and fresh straw put in, after which the stall is disinfected with Dan Patch Stable Disinfectant. He is then brushed off, bandages removed, feet picked out, and prepared for his morning jog, which consists of five or six miles in the winter. After his jog he is brought to the stable, thoroughly cooled off with as few blankets on as will protect him. He is then returned to the stall, his legs are bandaged with woolen bandages and sheet cotton, feet washed out and about ten pounds of good clean timothy hay given to him, he being a very large hay eater.

"Dan is then turned loose in the stall until 11 o'clock, when he is given a feed of two quarts of oats and three quarts of bran made into mash. As soon as the noon meal is finished the feed box is removed from the box and thoroughly washed, and he is left alone to enjoy his afternoon nap, which he takes daily, and which lasts from one hour to one hour and a half. At 4:30 p. m., his stall is straightened up, and another ten-pound

bunch of timothy hay, with a fresh bucket of water, are given him. At 5 p. m. he is fed four quarts of cooked oats and bran, two quarts of clean oats and two quarts of bran that has been mixed with boiling water and covered for at least two hours before feeding. After eating this meal the feed box is removed and washed and Dan is put away for the night. During meal hours the groom's assistant is in charge. Dan is never left alone, as Charley sleeps with him and the night watch goes on at 7 p. m. and remains until 6 a. m. During the season of exhibitions Dan is fed four times per day. The morning, noon and night meals are the same as in winter, but we give one more meal at 8:30 p. m., consisting of a bran mash. The days that he goes his remarkable exhibition miles he is never tied to keep from filling up, but is allowed all the hay he will eat right up to the time the harness is put on him for his preparatory three miles. As soon as he finishes a fast mile he is taken to the stall and given an alcohol bath. This is well rubbed into the muscles and back, and is then scraped off to get the lather and sweat out of him and to thoroughly cleanse his skin and hair. He is then rubbed lightly, legs well hand-rubbed and bandaged with cotton bandages. He is then covered with as light blankets as are safe, and walked for about twenty minutes, after which he is taken in and lightly rubbed to thoroughly dry the hair, then taken out to walk again. The same operation continues for an hour and thirty minutes or longer, if he gives evidence of not being thoroughly cooled out. When thoroughly cooled Dan is taken to his stall, legs washed out with castile soap and warm water, feet packed and washed, legs nicely dried and sheet cotton and woolen bandages rolled on them. He is then covered with a shoulder piece or an extremely long towel, covering his shoulders entirely, and with a light woolen blanket over it. His feet are then packed, a generous bunch of hay and a hot bran mash concludes his luncheon and toilet for the night. The morning following an exhibition mile, if we are obliged to ship, Dan is not jogged, but placed on the cars and fed mostly bran mashes, and all the hay he will eat. In shipping he is backed into a narrow, padded stall that will just fit him so that he cannot lie down. His feet are packed and the floor of the car is covered with sawdust, and he is not taken out until his destination is reached, even if the shipment is 1,200 miles.

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From St. Paul Dispatch, Sunday, Oct. 11, 1908.

The Moon

The silent dusk has clothed the hills in gray,
And where the trees in proud obedience stand
No touch of humankind's unstaying hand
Has cut one gnarled or moss-grown trunk away.
The soft, sweet eve that follows swift the day
Finds in the wooded knoll a safe retreat;
The shadows which beyond the sunset stray
Are soothed to slumber where the oak boughs meet.

And now above the foliaged mass is seen
The silvery halo of a rising cloud;
A mystic veil, which lights with wondrous sheen,
Each stalwart form so humbly, gladly bowed;
And crossing heaven's blue with languid flight
The great, round moon sheds glory on the night.

—Lurana W. Sheldon.

Montreal Winter Carnival

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Over 60,000 sold and twice as many could have been sold in Montreal alone during Carnival week could they have been printed fast enough. Four large publishing plants and three paper mills were brought into service to help forward the production, and yet in spite of the most feverish efforts during the first days, the Carnival Number could not be produced quickly enough to avoid disappointment to public and dealers alike, and when at times there seemed to be a shortage the dealers raised the price sharply to 25 cents a copy.

One veteran newsboy sold nearly 3,000 in a little over two days and expected his sales to be fully 8,000 copies before the Carnival closed. The universal verdict of the people attested the wisdom of the Carnival committee in choosing the "Canadian Pictorial" to be the "official souvenir."

Among other pictures will be that exquisite copyrighted picture entitled

"The Storming of the Ice Castle"

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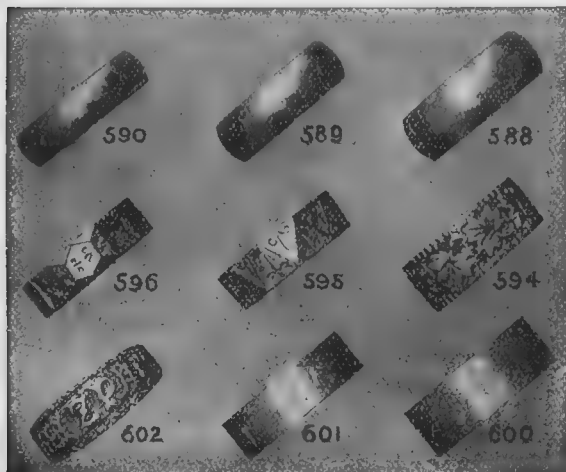
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By Miss Mary Lister.

In general, when speaking of good water we mean water which is odorless, transparent and which does not, on standing, deposit a sediment. But this does not tell all of the story for some very impure water—unfit for domestic use is colorless, odorless and transparent. This may be true, when salts of Ammonia, the nitrates or nitrites are found in the water. They themselves are not harmful but they are formed when dead organic matter is or has been present. The impurity may not be present when examined but it has been there as proven by the salts and may find its way there again. This organic matter may not be harmful in small quantities but it is certainly objectionable.

Simple forms of animal life are often found in water. These are not of importance in the health equation so far as we know. The eggs of parasitic animals are sometimes found and are harmless. Tiny plants so small that they are not visible to the naked eye and called bacteria are found in drinking water and some of them are extremely dangerous to life.

Many of the bacteria are necessary to our health and happiness and some species seem to belong in the water for they are generally found in it in its natural state but others are to be shunned as disease producers. These bacteria are most abundant near the surface of the ground and diminish in number as the depth increases. Hence we may conclude that freedom of well water from bacteria depends upon the purity of the ground water as determined by the natural filtration; upon the depth from which the water is taken; and the amount of surface impurities allowed to enter at the top.

The old fashioned well is found on almost all farms and the water from them is used unless there is a "deep well" easy of access to the house. The well, a hole in the ground deep enough only to strike the ground water is placed for convenience as near the house or barn as practicable. In the most primitive kind the sides were bricked or stoned up to the top with some kind of platform made at the top and either a pump or wheel and buckets put in. The brick or stone wall lets the water through all down the sides of the well.

The soil should form a natural filter and it does unless man interferes. If the soil be very dirty from impurities poured upon it; if the water passing through be of too great quantity; or if the soil depth be too thin the water will not be filtered and so is unfit for use.

The soil is filled with impurities in various ways: emptying dish water and dirty suds in one place time after time and being careless about the dirty water thrown near the well curb. Cess pools, outhouses, water closets and barn yards are often within the area drained by the well and it is not pleasant to contemplate the condition of the water which finds its way into it. When impurities are constantly being put into the ground it becomes clogged and cannot act as a filter. We may conclude then that

1. Dirty water should not be emptied near the well.
2. The ground should slope from the curbing so that water will be drained away from it and not run back into the well.
3. The well should be at a distance

from any closet, cess pool of barnyard such that there will be no danger from contaminated water.

4. The sides of the well should be made water tight so that all water which comes into it will come from a considerable depth.

5. The curbing at the top should be tight so that nothing can get into the well.

6. The well should not be used as a food box or milk cooler for bits of food are liable to drop, milk to be spilled and foul gases form.

Some good friend is sure to say at this point: "Well I never took so much trouble and I'm still alive." That may be so and you should thank the Creator for giving you a body strong enough to keep good health even if you do make it the receptacle of so much impurity. Some people have such robust constitutions that even the Typhoidus Bacillus; the form of bacteria which causes typhoid fever cannot find a lodgment in their bodies. But we cannot afford to juggle with health and some member of the household will have to suffer for our carelessness.

Instead of wasting time scorning the work of men of science who have spent years of study in working out these truths, we would better be spending the time in finding out if the water which we are using is pure, something of the drainage about the well area, and more about the disposal of the waste material of the house and barns.

If water be suspected of impurities, boil it for half an hour before using. This will kill the germs if any be present.

Let us think for a few moments of solid water or ice. Many farmers of the north now harvest their ice crop as regularly as they do their grain. Sometimes he is fortunate enough to live near a natural body of water but more often the ice must be gathered from the small pond which in warmer weather is the drinking place for stock. Not one among us would care to drink water from this pond yet we use the ice and think no harm will come.

It is an old belief that freezing removes all impurities—that disease germs cannot live in ice. This has been proven false in a great measure. Much visible dirt is crystallized out and some bacteria are killed but some of the most dangerous are not harmed at all, and only need to be set free with food to live on, to grow and multiply.

Two rules may guide us in the use of ice.

1. do not use ice in water or near food which is formed from water you would not drink.
2. Do not let ice come in direct contact with food or drink.

The tinkle of ice against the glass is a pleasant sound on a hot day but it is much safer to surround the water pitcher with ice until it is cold than to put ice into the water and get with it the millions of bacteria it contains.

One last word: The Creator has in forming this home for us furnished it with a plentiful supply of water for our use, has made provision for its cleansing when made dirty by our use of it by filtering and the action of bacteria, and we need not fear to use it freely if we but use our understanding of the forces at work around us and then, keep our surroundings clean.

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Lowly blooms upon earth's sod—
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Invalid Cookery.

By Marion Dallas.

The problem of diet in the sick room is always a matter of more or less anxiety in every home, especially where the illness is of long duration and the appetite is fitful, and capricious.

In considering the diet of any patient, no matter what disease he may be suffering from, there are two essential features to be studied. The first feature is, or should be, the nutritive value of the food. The aim of invalid cookery is to build up and repair the waste which is going on in the system during illness. Therefore, food must be given which will assist nature in her efforts towards restoration. For example, a patient suffering from typhoid fever should not be given solid food, nor a patient with Bright's disease given too much sugar or starch.

The second feature is the preparing and serving of the food. It should be served in small quantities and in as attractive a manner as possible. The linen should be spotless, dishes dainty chinaware, if practicable, and always whole, not chipped and cracked as we see sometimes. High seasoning should be avoided, also extremes. In the preparation of the food, it must be given the stipulated time for cooking. Nourishment plays an important part in the recovery of a patient, and the value of this branch of nursing cannot be over-estimated.

It is the purpose of the writer to give a few "dietetic" recipes for our most common disease, consumption, with the hope that they may help those who are taking care of their loved ones in their home and whose brains are often racked trying to think of something new which will not only tempt, but benefit the patient.

Consumption.

The treatment of consumption has received much attention and study by all the greatest minds in the medical world. By careful and dietetic treatment a great deal may be done to arrest its progress.

Fresh air, exercise, and cold water bathing are invaluable.

Diet.—Avoid starchy foods, and excess of sugar and eggs if there is any tendency towards gastric catarrh.

Fats and oils may be given in the form of olive oil, salads, cream, bacon, nuts and marrow.

Cod liver oil has long been held to be of eminent value, and it possesses all the advantages of food. Oils should be given at first in small quantities.

Malt extract may be given, although it is inferior to oil.

Recipes for Consumptive Patients.

Creamed Sweetbreads.—Soak the sweetbread in cold salted water, throw into boiling water and boil fifteen minutes. A little lemon juice or vinegar will whiten the bread. Drain, and cut into dice. Make cream white sauce with one quarter cup of cream or two tablespoons of milk and two of cream, two tablespoons butter. Blend flour and butter, add two tablespoons flour, cream and let boil. Pour sauce over meats, sprinkle with bread crumbs and brown in oven.

Pudding, Suet.—One quarter cup suet, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup molasses, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, 1 cup flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon spice. Put into pudding-cup, and steam three-quarters of an hour. Serve with cream sauce.

Bacon Dressing.—Fry thin slices of bacon. Strain; add to quantity of fat one-third quantity of vinegar, thicken by adding flour. Serve as a dressing on grape fruit.

Mayonnaise Salad. Equal parts of celery and chicken. Walnuts may be added. Dressing: One egg yolk, one cup olive oil, one teaspoon salt, pepper (cayenne), mustard and sugar to taste, two tablespoons vinegar or

lemon juice. Beat egg with olive oil, added drop by drop, then mustard and sugar, salt and pepper; add vinegar to thin. Chill.

Cream Toast.—Toast bread, drop into boiling salted water. Pour over a thin cream sauce and serve.

Caramel Ice Cream.—Caramel used in place of sugar to prevent fermentation. One quart scalded cream, one cup sugar, one quarter cup caramel. Freeze.

Orange Bavarian Cream. Grated rind of one orange, juice of three oranges, one-half cup sugar, one cup cream, two tablespoons gelatine. Method of making: Whip cream, set on ice; soak gelatine in one-quarter cup cold water; dissolve gelatine in one-quarter cup of boiling water; add juice and rind of oranges and sugar; stir until dissolved, then partially chill. When nearly cold add whipped cream; beat until thick; put in mould and chill.

Banana Cream.—Three bananas cut into small pieces, one cup of water, six tablespoons sugar, one-half rind of lemon; cook ten minutes, remove rind, add one-half tablespoon hydrated gelatine, one cup whipped cream, juice of one lemon. Mould and chill.

Egg Chocolate.—To be served as soon as made. Two squares chocolate, one-quarter cup sugar, one-half cup water, two cups milk, added a little at a time, vanilla. Cook to a paste, stir constantly, let boil five minutes, remove from fire, beat in two whites of eggs, whipped.

Velvet Cream. One-quarter box gelatine, one quarter cup cold water, four tablespoons lemon juice, one-half cup sugar, one cup cream, whipped. Soak and dissolve over hot water, add lemon juice and sugar, set on ice to cool. When it begins to harden, add cream, beat until thick, mould and chill.

Coffee Cream.—Two tablespoons gelatine, one-quarter cup strong coffee, one-half cup sugar, one-half cup cream. Soak gelatine, add coffee and sugar, cook. When it begins to thicken add cream, beat, mould and chill.

Nutted Cream.—Three tablespoons gelatine, one-half cup cold water, two cups cream, whipped, one-quarter cup almond nuts, one-quarter cup boiling water, one-half cup powdered sugar. Dissolve gelatine, mix nuts, sugar and cream, add to gelatine, stir constantly, mould and chill.

Meat Puree.—One tablespoon of scraped meat, four tablespoons bouillon; scrape meat with a dull knife, put in bouillon and heat, season with pepper and salt.

Meat Puree.—Scrape meat, mix with cream, season with salt and pepper, form in balls and pan-broil.

Sherry Jelly (Will ease dry, parched lips).—One-half cup water, one-half box gelatine, four tablespoons sherry, rind and juice of one lemon.

When eggs can be eaten without disturbing the patient or where there are no signs of gastric catarrh, have found the following much relished:

French Omelet.—Separate one white and yolk, beat white until stiff beat yolk until lemon color, add one one tablespoon water to yolk, add salt and pepper, let butter (teaspoonful) melt in pan, fold white into yolk and cook one minute; reduce the heat, try with knife lightly fold and turn into platter. Serve at once.

Creamy Omelet.—Beat up whole egg, add tablespoon cream, heat and butter the pan, put egg into pan and constantly lift from centre of pan until cooked. Serve at once.

Sick Room Don'ts.

Don't keep medicine bottles within reach of patient.

Don't neglect to label clearly bottles containing poison.

Don't whisper in the room.
Don't rattle dishes.
Don't shake the floor when you walk.

Don't allow a strong light to fall across patient's eyes.

Don't tell or allow visitors to tell glib stories.

Don't use a feather bed in an illness of long duration.

Don't cross a patient.

Don't ask a patient what they want to eat, surprise them.

Don't taste patient's food in the room.

Don't leave milk or any drink exposed to air.

Don't leave traces of the meal around the bed.

Don't have heavy curtains and carpets.

Don't exclude sunlight and fresh air.

Don't forget to be always cheerful and bright.

Don't worry.

Don't get discouraged.

Don't collapse in moments of danger.

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FASHIONABLE OUTDOOR COSTUMES

The costumes of the late season are those which are always indicative of coming styles and here are two models which can be relied upon not alone for the present but also for the future. The suit to the left is made with the somewhat severe but always smart military coat combined with a plain five gored skirt and is adapted to all suiting materials. The trimming of braid is chic but not obligatory, as anything that may be preferred can be substituted.

For the medium size will be required, for the coat 4½ yards of material 27, 2½ yards 44 or 2 yards 52 inches wide; for the skirt 6½ yards 27, 3¾ yards

GRACEFUL GOWNS OF SILK AND WOOL.

Silk and wool materials are having equal vogue for the gowns of half dress this winter and here are two attractive models shown, one in satin, one in cashmere. They could be transposed, however, or either one could be made from almost any available material. The gown to the left in this instance is made of Directoire satin with trimming of soutache and velvet bands, the draped portions of the blouse being of chiffon while the guimpe portions are of all-over lace. It is not necessary, however, that three materials should be used for the blouse, for the satin could be used for the draped portions as well as for the bolero. If something a



Fashionable Outdoor Costumes—Three Patterns.

For medium size, coat pattern 6216. Skirt pattern 6218. One piece Princess Costume, 6223.

44 or 52 inches wide. The coat pattern 6216 is cut in sizes from 22 to 34 inches bust measure; the skirt pattern 6218 is cut in sizes from 22 to 34 inches waist measure.

The one-piece princess costume shown on the second figure makes one of the very latest developments of fashion and is already a pronounced favorite. If greater warmth is needed a fur wrap can be worn thereover but with the coming of the milder weather gowns of the sort will be extensively utilized with only some little ruff or some similar graceful accompaniments. This one can be made with scalloped or straight outlines and with the round neck illustrated or with one in V-shape, or high with a rolled over collar.

The front and back portions extend for full length but those at the sides are joined beneath the belt.

For medium size will be required 9 yards of material 27, 5½ yards 44 or 4½ yards 52 inches wide. The pattern 6223 is cut in sizes from 32 to 42 inches bust measure.

little simpler is wanted. The plain bolero is distinctive and among the latest decrees of fashion and the slightly high waisted skirt is draped to be exceedingly becoming.

For the medium size will be required, for the bolero 1½ yards of material 21, 1 yard 32 or ¾ yard 44 inches wide; for the draped portion of the blouse and sleeves 1½ yards 21, ¾ yard 32 or ½ yard 44 inches wide; for the guimpe 1½ yards 44 inches wide; for the skirt will be needed 7 yards of material 24, 5½ yards 32 or 3¾ yards 44 inches wide. The blouse pattern 6206 is cut in sizes from 32 to 40 inches bust measure; the skirt pattern 6050 is cut in sizes from 22 to 30 inches waist measure.

The second gown is made of cashmere in one of the very beautiful mustard shades and is trimmed with brown satin while the guimpe portions are of tuck net in color to match the blouse itself. The skirt is a simple and eminently graceful one that can be made either in round or walking length and

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WITH A TUNIC SUGGESTION.

There are a great many evidences of the tunic idea to be found in the latest gowns, and this one is trimmed to give such suggestion while in reality the skirt is quite plain and simple. The trimming of the blouse and that



Graceful Gowns of Silk and Wool.

Four patterns.—First gown, Blouse 6206; Skirt 6050. Second gown, Blouse 6207; Skirt 6204.

the skirt and be equally in style, or the sleeves should be made of satin to match the bands, or of net to match the chemisette portions, so that the one blouse can be made to take on a number of different forms.

For the medium size will be required, for the blouse 2 3/4 yards of material 27, 1 1/2 yards 44 inches wide with 7/8 yard

of the skirt also meets in a way to suggest the semi-princesse idea and the gown is altogether a smart one while it is quite simple. In this instance it is made of silk with satin trimming and lace chemisette but all materials that are appropriate for gowns of the sort can be utilized for this one, with the chemisette portion either in con-



For the Little Folk.

6208. Boys suit—Girls, 6209.

18 inches wide for the chemisette, 1/2 yard of satin for the bands; for the skirt 7 1/2 yards 27, 4 1/4 yards 44 or 52 with 3/4 yard of satin. The blouse pattern 6207 is cut in sizes from 32 to 40 inches bust measure; the skirt pattern 6204 is cut in sizes from 22 to 30 inches waist measure.

trast or of the same embroidered or braided or treated in any way that may be liked. When made over a lining it becomes an excellent model for the lingerie gowns. The skirt is made with front and back portions only but the front can be cut in one or seamed at the centre as liked. The trimming is

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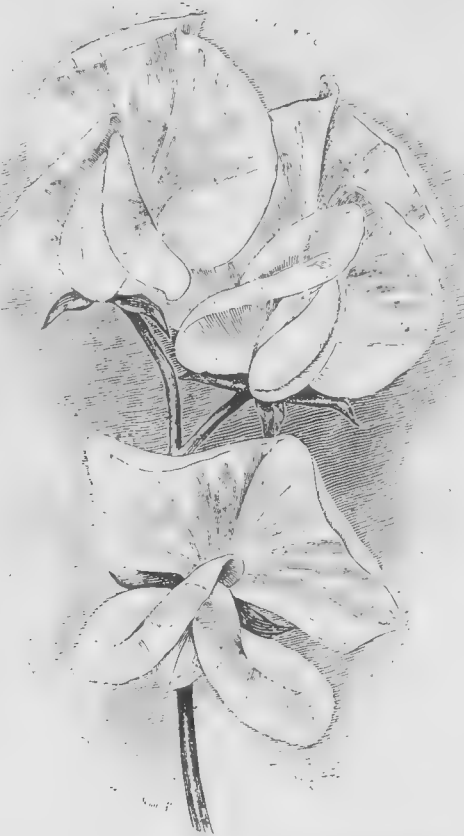
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The blouse pattern 6199 is cut in



With a Tunic suggestion.

Two patterns—Blouse 6199, Skirt 6213. sizes from 32 to 40 inches bust measure; the skirt pattern 6213 is cut in sizes from 22 to 30 inches waist measure.

FOR THE LITTLE FOLK.

Boy's suits that are made with long blouses, such as the one illustrated, and little girl's dresses with the slightly Empire waist line are very much worn and are exceedingly attractive. These can be made from a variety of materials and become available for occasions to dress or for everyday wear, as one or the other is chosen. The boy's suit is illustrated in white serge but it is just as well adapted to dark blue serge and to cheviot, to linen, khaki, madras, and, indeed, to all materials that boys wear.

For the six year size will be required 1 1/2 yards of material 24, 3 1/4 yards 32 or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide. The pattern 6209 is cut in sizes for boys of 4 and 6 years of age.

The girl's dress illustrated is made of white lawn with bertha of embroidery edged with a little frill, but it would be found very charming for the pretty flowered batistes and lawns as well as for white ones and it is admirably well adapted to cashmere and to voile and all similar materials. The bertha can be made either to match or in contrast and with or without a frill at the edge. For the ten year size will be required 5 1/2 yards of material 24, 4 1/2 yards 32 or 3 yards 44 inches wide with 1 1/2 yard 18 inches wide for the bertha, 3 yards of edging. The pattern 6209 is cut in sizes for girls from 6 to 12 years of age.

A PRETTY GIRLISH COSTUME.

Young girls are wearing a great many simple lace blouses with skirts of one material or another, and these skirts either can belong to the entire suit or be made separate as liked. This one is made in the high waisted, semi-Empire style and the material is broadcloth with bands of satin as trimming while the waist is made from imitation Irish crochet over thin India silk. All the pretty nets and laces are appropriate for the blouse, however, and tucked net is especially well liked just now. Either white or color to match the skirt is correct. Again, if liked, the blouse could be fitted by means of darts and faced with lace to any desired depth and worn as a guimpe with some pretty garniture or

over blouse that matches the skirt. The sleeves can be made either long or in three-quarter length.



A Pretty girlish Costume.

Two patterns.—Blouse 6166; Skirt 6220.

For the sixteen year size will be required, for the blouse 3 1/4 yards of material 18, 1 1/2 yards 44 inches wide; for the skirt 5 1/2 yards 32, 3 1/2 yards 44 or 2 1/2 yards 52 inches wide if there is up and down, but if not 3 1/2 yards 32,



A Simple Waist in Shirt Waist Style.

Two patterns.—Waist 6194; Skirt 6198

2½ yards 44 or 2¾ yards 52 inches wide will suffice.

The blouse pattern 6166 and the skirt pattern 6220 are both cut in sizes for girls of 14 and 16 years of age.

A SIMPLE GOWN IN SHIRT WAIST STYLE.

The gown that is made in shirt waist style is the one that every woman is sure to need and this model is absolutely simple at the same time that it is chic in the extreme. The waist is made in the new mannish style with sleeves that are perfectly plain at the shoulders while the skirt is circular and closed at the front. The yoke on the back of the waist can be used or omitted as liked and the patch pocket

also is optional, but just as illustrated the gown is one of the smartest possible of so simple a sort. In this case one of the light weight flannels is utilized for the entire gown but cashmere and light serge are just as appropriate, and the later linens and other washable materials will be much worn. Also the skirt can be utilized for the separate one of heavier material while the blouse is made from any preferred shirting.

For the medium size will be required, for the waist 3½ yards of material 24, 3 yards 32 or 2¾ yards 44 inches wide; for the skirt 5½ yards 24 or 32 or 3¾ yards 44 inches wide.

The waist pattern 6194 is cut in sizes from 32 to 42 inches bust measure; the skirt pattern 6198 is cut in sizes from 22 to 30 inches waist measure.

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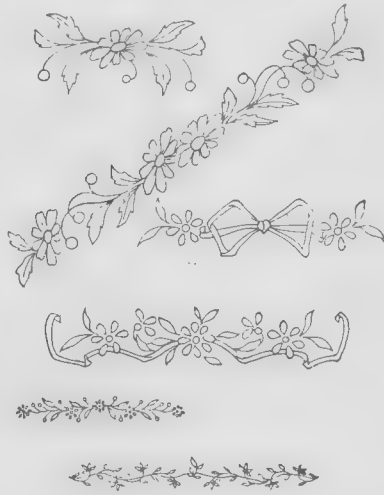
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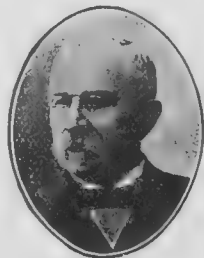
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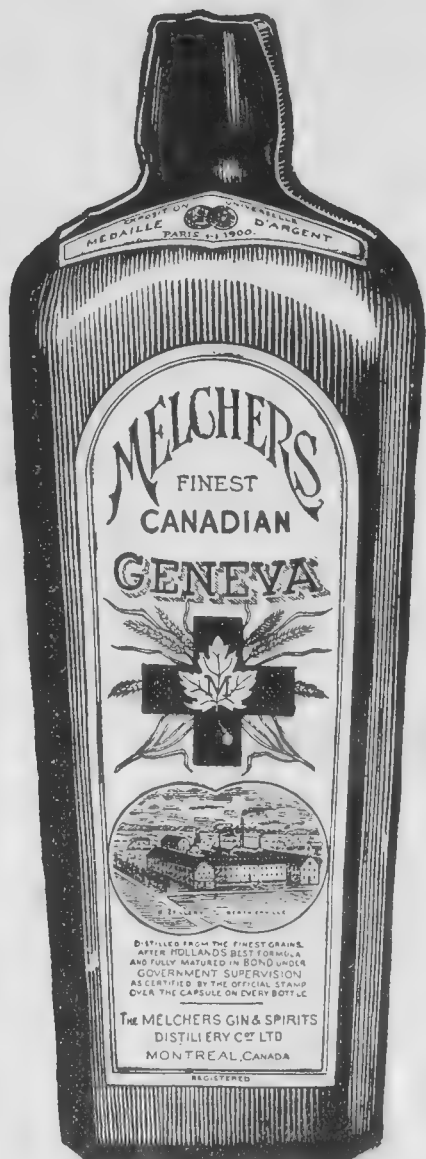
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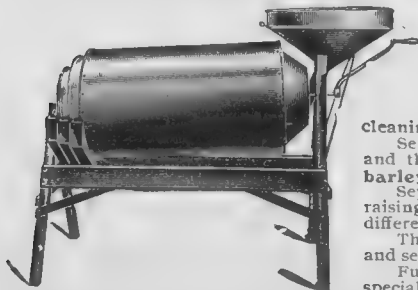


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Figs. 1 and 3 are done in coarse thread to show the stitches.

Fig. 3.—To make the "shamrock" take a short length of p.c. (any coarse sewing thread will do), and fold in two, thus making a "two-strand padding cord," as it is called. Fasten the very fine crochet cotton into one end of the cord with one double stitch, using a fine crochet hook.

Over the p.c. work d. as closely as possible for a length of two inches; 15 t., 3 d. over p.c. Twist these treble round to form leaflet and fasten with 1 d. over p.c. to third double before the treble; 3 d., 15 t., 3 d. over p.c. twist these also to form another leaflet and fasten to first double after last leaflet. Make a third leaflet in the same way. Turn the p.c. out on the back of the work and fasten very securely with a few tight single stitches. Cut off end of p.c. and join first and last leaflet with 1 d., 5 d. into next 5 on stem, 5 ch. to form a picot. Continue working d. into each d. on stem, with a 5 ch. picot after each 5 d.; fasten off thread.

Fig. 1 shows how the "filling" is arranged round the motif. Fasten the

If lace trimming be required instead of insertion, work double stitch only, over the upper "straightening line," omitting the loops, and work an edge on the lower side as suggested in the motif for blouse trimming, Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.—This motif is Fig. 1. with the "straightening line" all round, and the edge worked in the following manner:

* 20 d. over "straightening line," 8 ch., turn backward and fasten to last 10th d., 8 ch., turn this back also and fasten to first d. Turn back and into last loop work 5 d., 5 ch., 10 d.; 5 d. into second loop, 8 ch.; turn these backward and fasten to 5th d. on loop to the right. Into this loop work 5 d., 5 ch., 3 d., 5 ch., 3 d., 5 ch., 5 d. *, and repeat all round.

These motifs can be made larger by adding more rows of "filling," and will be found a most dainty and attractive accompaniment to the lace and insertion here described.

KNITTED EDGING.

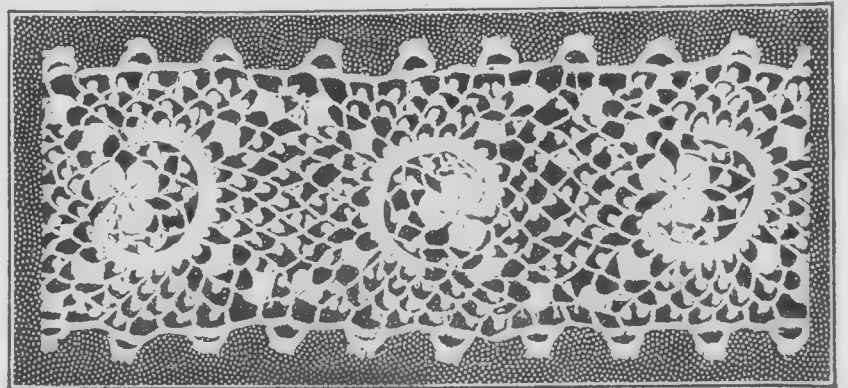
Use No. 50 linen thread, two No. 17 or 18 needles.

Cast on 24 stitches and seam across.

1st row.—Slip 1 purlwise, slip 1, 1 plain, pass slip over, or (slip and bind) over, slip and bind, 3 plain, slip and bind, over, 3 plain, over, slip and bind, 3 plain slip and bind, over, 2 plain, over, narrow.

2nd and every even row.—Slip 1, purl to within 1 of the end, knit the back of the last stitch.

3rd Row.—Slip 1 purlwise, slip and bind, over, slip and bind, 1 plain, slip and bind, over, slip and bind, over, 1



Irish Crochet Insertion.

thread with 1 d. to the side of the stem nearest to the leaflet on the concave side of the former, 8 ch., form 5 into a picot, 2 ch., join to leaflet about one-eighth of an inch from the end. Make eleven loops round the shamrock, spacing them as evenly as possible—each consisting of 8 ch., form 5 of these into a picot, 2 ch.; fasten last loop into stem. Cross over on the back of the stem with 6 ch., and fasten to the other side a little above the first row. Take in the stem in the centre of the picot loops into the first four loops of first row—8 ch. into next loop. Turn back on this 8 ch. and work 8 d. into it. Turn again and put in 1t. into each d. These groups of t. are formed after each four picot loops, which contain the same number of stitches throughout, and should form the four corners of a square. For the third row work 1 picot loop into each loop of last row, putting one into centre of each group of t. The fourth row is worked in the same way as the second, having the group of t. over those in the second row. End immediately before the first group of t. in this row.

The insertion can be made any depth by continuing this filling, but the four rows in the pattern make a useful blouse trimming about 2½ inches deep.

Make as many of these squares as required, and placing them in a row with each alternate motif stem in the reverse direction; join together, fastening the thread to the center of a treble group by 1 d. and working half a picot loop, that is immediately after the picot, join to corresponding point of opposite motif, and then cross from side to side in the same way.

When all are joined make a "straightening line" (for insertion) at each side of 5 ch., 1 t., spacing the treble, so that the upper chain form a perfectly straight line. Over this chain work as closely as possible * 20 d., 8 ch., turn this chain to the right and fasten to 15th d., thus forming a loop, into which work 5 d., 5 ch., 3 d., 5 ch., 3 d., 5 ch., 5 d. *, and repeat to end.

plain, over, slip and bind, over, slip and bind, 1 plain, slip and bind, over, 1 plain, over, narrow.

5th row.—Slip 1 purlwise, slip and bind, over, slip 1, narrow, pass slip over, over, slip and bind, over, 3 plain, over, slip and bind, over, slip 1, narrow, pass slip over, over, slip and bind, over, 2 plain, over, narrow.

7th row.—Slip 1 purlwise, 1 plain, over, 3 plain, over, slip and bind, over, slip 1, narrow, pass slip over, over, slip and bind, over, 3 plain, over, slip and bind, over, slip and bind, over, narrow.

9th row.—Slip 1 purlwise, 1 plain, over, 5 plain, over, slip and bind, 1 plain, slip and bind, over, 5 plain, over, slip and bind, 1 plain, over, narrow.

11th row.—Slip 1 purlwise, 1 plain, over, 7 plain, over, slip 1, narrow, pass slip over, over, 7 plain, over slip and bind, over, narrow.

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With Saxony yarn make a chain of 23 stitches. A roll stitch O. 10 in sixth chain from needle, also in next (2 chain and 2 roll stitches in next 3rd and 4th chain), repeat four times.

2nd row.—(Chain 5, a slip stitch between group or 2 rolls), repeat 5 times, the last slip stitch between group and 5 chain on the end.

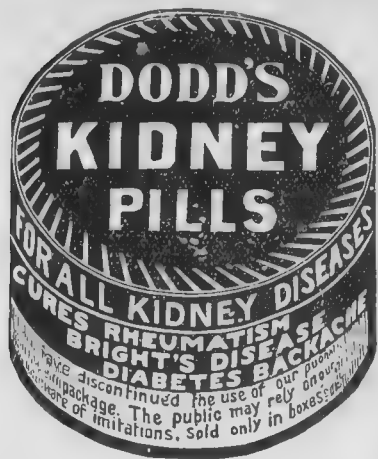
3rd row.—Chain 7, slip stitch in first space (chain 5, a slip stitch in next space), repeat 4 times.

4th row.—Same as 3rd row.

5th row.—Chain 5 (2 roll stitches in first space, 2 chain), repeat 5 times; with last group work in six more rolls for scallop, fasten down with a slip stitch to the base of roll in first row to form an arch.

6th row.—Chain 5 and a slip stitch between each of six rolls over scallop, then 5 chain and slip stitch between each group of rolls.

7th row.—Chain 5 (2 rows in first space, chain), repeat five times, Begin again at 2nd row.



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2.—K. 2 (k. 1, p. 1, k. 1) in loop, k. 27, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
3.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 6, n. o., n. o., k. 2, n. o., n. o., k. 6, o., n. o., k. 3.
4.—Bind off 3, k. 29, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
5.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 5, n. o., n. o., k. 2, n. o., n. o., k. 8, o., n. o., k. 3, o. 2, k. 2.
6.—K. 2 (k. 1, p. 1, k. 1) in loop, k. 29, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.

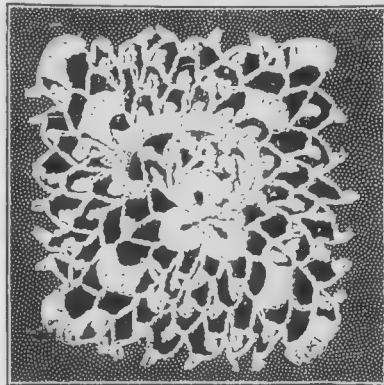


Fig. 1.

7.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 4, n. o., n. o., k. 2, o., n. o., k. 3, n. o. 2, n. o., k. 3, o., n. o., k. 8.
8.—Bind off 3, k. 12, p. 1, k. 18, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
9.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 3, n. o., n. o., k. 2, n. o., o. 2, n. o., o. 2, n. o., k. 2, o., n. o., k. 3, o. 2, k. 2.
10.—K. 2 (k. 1 p. 1 k. 1) in loop, k. 10, p. 1, k. 3, p. 1, k. 16, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
11.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2, n. o., n. o., k. 2, n. o., n. o., k. 5, n. o., o. 2, n. o., k. 5, o., n. o., k. 3.
12.—Bind off 3, k. 14, p. 1, k. 18, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
13.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 4, o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o., n. o., n. o., k. 1, n. o., o. 2, n. o., o. 2, n. o., k. 1, n. o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o. 2, k. 2.

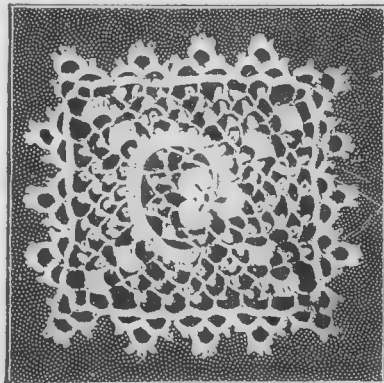


Fig. 2.

14.—K. 2 (k. 1, p. 1, k. 1) in loop, k. 10, p. 1, k. 3, p. 1, k. 16, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
15.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 5, o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, n. o., k. 2, n. o., n. o., k. 7.
16.—Bind off 3, k. 12, p. 1, k. 18, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
17.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 6, o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o., n. o., n. o., k. 6, n. o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o. 2, k. 2.
18.—K. 2 (k. 1, p. 1, k. 1) in loop, k. 29, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.

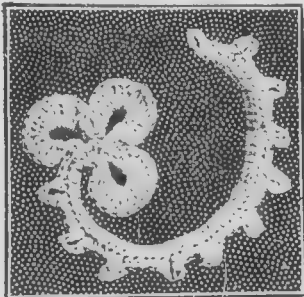


Fig. 3.

19.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 7, o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o., n. o., n. o., k. 4, n. o., n. o., o. n. k. 7.
20.—Bind off 3, k. 29, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
21.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 8, o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, n. o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o. 2, k. 2.
22.—K. 2 (k. 1, p. 1, k. 1) in loop, k. 27, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 2.
23.—S. 1, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2 together, k. 9, o., n. o., n. o., k. 2, o., n. o., n. o., n. o., n. o., n. o., k. 7.



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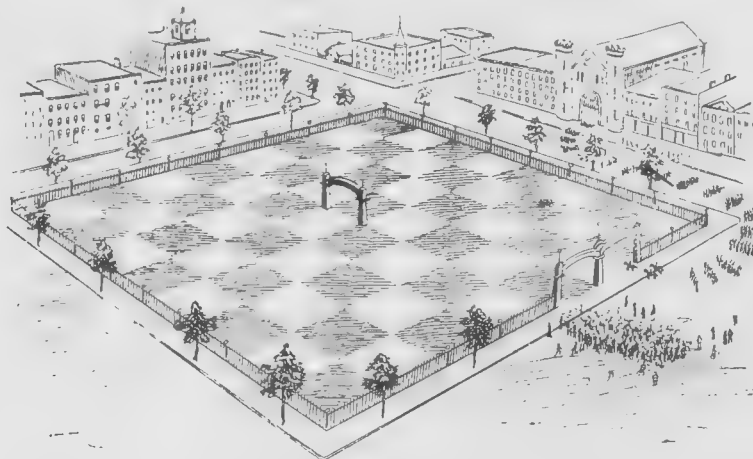
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9—19, an ancient vessel; 16—26, a full
complement of anything; 20—22, a fish;
24—34, a number; 23—25, to study over;
30—32, an insect; 33—35, a sign of the
zodiac; 28—40, a large body of water;
36—38, a beverage; 29—41, a plug; 39—
41, to undermine.

No. 2—GEOGRAPHICAL SYNCOPA- TIONS.

1. Syncopate a city in Maryland, and
leave a county in Kentucky.
2. A town in Maine, and leaves a town
in North Dakota.
3. A town in Rhode Island, and leave
a county in Georgia.
4. A county in Alabama, and leave a
town in North Carolina.
5. A county in Oklahoma, and leave
a town in Iowa.
6. A city in Florida, and leave a
county in Iowa.

No. 3—A PUZZLE IN MILITARY TACTICS.

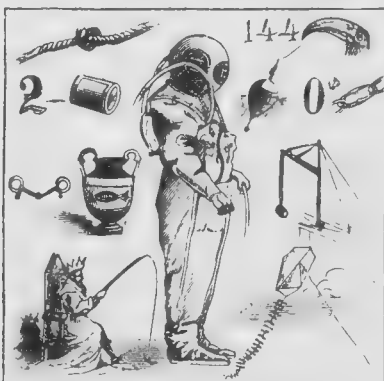


The above represents a public park divided into 64 squares, and the puzzle
is to show how a military division should enter at gate No. 1 (on the right),
march through all of the squares, under the triumphal arch and out through
gate No. 2 (on the left), making the fewest possible number of turns.

No. 4—THE PAYING TELLER'S PRO- BLEM.

An old gentleman handed in at the
paying teller's window at a bank a
check for two hundred dollars, and said,
"Give me some one dollar bills, ten
times as many twos, and the balance in
fives!" How many bills of each denomi-
nation did he receive?

No. 5—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



The names of nine birds are repre-
sented in this picture.

No. 6—CHARADE.

In the darkness of night, as Ichabod
Crane
Through the gloomy and thick forest
rode.
He met with a ghost at the end of the
lane,
Who gave him my first, and never again
Did Ichabod pass near that wood.

As swift as my second flies over the
plain,
Poor Ichabod sped on his way;
Cold horror bedewed him; with might
and with main
He clung to his horse, nor slackened
the rein,
Till he saw from his window a ray.

Alas for poor Ichabod! fondly he'd dar-
ed
To hope for the lovely Katrina;
But now in disgrace, nor from ridicule
spared,
At best but resembling my whole fate
declared
That his rival should bear off his
queen.

No. 7—PUZZLE OF CASEY'S COW.

"My old brindle," said Casey, "was
standing on the long bridge the other
day, placidly looking into the water,
when she spied the lightning express,
just twice the length of the bridge
away, from the end, coming at a ninety-
mile an hour clip. She wasted no time
in idle speculation; she just made a
dash toward the advancing train and
saved herself by the narrow margin of
one foot whereas, if she had followed
the human instinct of running away
from the train, three inches of her
rear would have been caught on the
bridge!" What was the gait of the
cow, and how far was she standing
from the middle of the long bridge?

No. 8—HOUR-GLASS PUZZLE.



Reading across: 1. Inclination down-
ward. 2. To fasten together. 3. A staff
or truncheon. 4. To implore. 5. A
letter. 6. A tree of several species.
7. To sneer. 8. A noted American
statesman. 9. A well-known English
poet.

The centrals downward mean to unite.

No. 9—LOGOGRIPH.

Complete, you'll find a female name;
Syncopate, and still I am the same;
Restore, and syncopate again,
Transposed, I am a female name;
Restored to whole, and then curtailed,
A boy's name into view will sail;
Curtailed, another 'twill display;
Now find me out and shout Hooray!

No. 10—WORD SQUARE.

Summits.
Show.
Satirical.
An ancient King.
Managed.
To retire.

No. 11—DECAPITATIONS.

1. Behead a leader, and leave a flow-
ering plant.
2. To lounge, and leave a dolt.
3. To bruise, and leave a forest tree.
4. To stagger, and leave a fish.
5. A variety of beet, and leave severe.

No. 12—LADDER.

- Uprights:
1st, the act of conveying.
2nd, to kill or slay.
- Rounds:
1st, a large quantity.
2nd, a genus of trees.
3rd, sailors.
4th, a prefix meaning across
minus one letter.
5th, to leave out.

Answers to all the above puzzles will
be given in the April number of The
Western Home Monthly.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN FEBRU- ARY NUMBER.

No. 1. Problem.—It can be seen that
if there were thirty pieces of laundry
and Freddie was charged 27 cents for
half the cuffs and one-third of the col-
lars, there must have been 12 cuffs and
18 collars, so Charlie will owe 39 cents,
as collars cost 2 cents and cuffs 2½
cents.

No. 2. Hidden cities.—Cleveland, Bal-
timore, Raleigh, Dallas, Omaha, Ma-
con, Utica, Winona, Norwalk, Andover,
Dover, Derby, York, Thebes, Reading,
Rome, Early, Dayton, Lowell and Ells-
worth.

No. 3. Pictorial enigma.—Swords
snow, sieve, venison, warrior, stones,
town, U. S., stranded. "Virtue is its
own reward."

No. 4. Beheadings and curtailments.—
1. N-ewe-l. 2. H-oar-d. 3. T-ape-r. 4.
C-alas-h. 5. D-raw-l. 6. V-ill-a.

No. 5 Illustrated rebus.—

Many men of many minds,
Many birds of many kinds,
Many fishes in the sea,
Many men who can't agree.

No. 6. Square word charade.—CHALK
HELEN
ALIVE
LEVEL
KNELL

No. 7. Puzzle question.—Noah.

No. 8. Old-style conundrum.—Muslin
(muzzlin').

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Among the Flowers.

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Out in the woods, under the waving trees,

With myriad insects, birds and bending skies—

From which the stars flash forth, like loving eyes,

Go seek thou Nature's haunt, when ill at ease,

There is no sorrow that she may not heal,

If once to thee her love she can reveal.

March Work with Flowers.

The house plants should now be at their best, requiring only an occasional spraying with a whisk broom to dislodge the dust from their leaves.

A tea-pot or oil can is excellent for watering potted plants, as there is no danger of spilling the water from it on to the floor.

Geraniums and other plants stored in the cellar should be examined now. If any have begun to decay, their prompt removal may save the rest. If any have begun to sprout, remove to a cooler or darker place. Do not water such plants.

Lily of the valley pips, pansy plants, or the large sweet violets, if chopped out of the frozen ground now, without disturbing the roots too much, and allowed to thaw gradually, will bloom in a cool room during March. This is the best time to start cuttings of carnations.

Although nothing can be done out of doors this month, it is none too early to begin to plan for next summer's garden.

Study the new catalogues, and plan to try one or two new things, or something which you have not raised before. Then order seeds and nursery stock. Not alone to oblige the seedman, but because early orders always receive prompt replies, and because if you have the seeds, you can take advantage of the first spring days to get the hardier sorts of vegetable and flower seeds into the ground.

The latter part of February or March first is time to start tomatoes, peppers, salvia, cannas, dahlia, and seeds of many perennials, to get an early start out of doors in April or May.

Light shallow boxes are best for starting seeds. They should have holes in the bottom for drainage, with cinders or broken pots over, to keep the soil from washing through. Sift the soil, especially fine for fine seeds, and press it down firmly. Sow the seeds in rows and cover very lightly. Never allow the soil to become dry or baked, but on the other hand, do not keep the soil soggy.

Soak the seed of canna or castor bean in hot water before planting.

Seed of the dahlia started now will make fine plants to set out in May. These will bloom as early, and do as well, as the more expensive tubers. Of course, not all will be double, but many will be interesting and pretty.

If white flowers are liked order Nicotiana Affinis (Tobacco Plant). They grow from 2 to 5 feet tall, according to the soil and care, will stand a great deal of neglect, and look very much like the old fashioned Madonna lily.

The woman on the farm with little time to work among flowers, may still have a pretty yard if she confines herself to the old stand-bys, which do not need coddling.

Gardening for March.

The ever changeful March has many gardening days if one is ready to avail herself of the sunshine and south wind which come to coax the Scillas and Snowdrops from their long sleep. Crocuses, Tulips and Hyacinths soon follow, and these should be covered by a clean mulch to protect them from a sudden fall of temperature which is sure

to follow. It is best to clean up the flowerbeds, removing all traces of last year's growth. Apply well rotted manure to the borders of beds, and divide the Paeonies, Phlox, Dielytra and all flowers that have grown in clumps and are now too large. Prune the hardy roses and train and trim the climbers and the vines. Roses should be in beds by themselves as they do not flourish with other plants. Lillies and Gladiolas may be planted the last of March. The mulch covering may be removed from the pansy bed, unless there are fowls running over the garden; if so they should be well covered for a flock of hens will eat up every green plant before the grass appears. If the month is dry, the beds may be spaded and put in shape for the early plants that are being raised in boxes or the greenhouse. Border plants such as Daisies and Pinks should be set early and the Sweet Peas planted in March as soon as the frost is out of the ground deep enough to allow the digging of a trench. Always plant Sweet Peas so they will get the direct rays of the sun. They may be grown in window boxes in the house in early spring and transplanted to the garden later if very early flowers are desired. The Sweet Peas must have rich soil and good drainage to insure a good growth. The seed procured from florists is much better than that bought in bulk at the grocery, as the latter is apt to be all of the common pink variety.

The cultivation of the Chinese Primulas requires much care to obtain good results. The seeds should be planted in March. It is best to plant them in the pots in which you wish them to grow. Leaf mould mixed with garden soil is best adapted to the Primula. Be careful not to plant too deep and cover the pots with glass, placing in the light but not under the direct rays of the sun. Keep the soil moist but not wet and do not allow it to become dry. After the seeds begin to swell, if they are allowed to dry up they will not sprout; when the second leaves appear, thin out of the pot all the plants not intended for pot growth, those taken out may be placed in a box and raised for garden culture. The pot plants may now be watered with weak manure water. Water from the roots, not on the leaves, and before cold weather sets in, the plants will begin to bloom and be ready for Thanksgiving decorations. Those raised in the box and set in the garden, if transplanted early, will be ready for Christmas.

The tuberous Begonias that have wintered well in the cellar should be repotted in March in a rich, fresh compost of woodsear, sand and manure, equal parts. In potting shake the soil down firmly and make a cavity in which the tuber may be placed, allowing the crown to protrude above the surface and press the soil about it firmly, then water thoroughly. Do not over-water at first as you may rot the tuber in so doing. Be sure that you have good drainage and water freely after the plants start. A partial shade suits these royal plants and when bedded out they should have a partial shelter from wind and sun. The Tuberous Begonia is becoming a favorite as a summer pot plant and for porch boxes is unequalled as the many tints of white, yellow and red, blend richly with drooping ivy plants. They bloom continuously and the waxen-like flowers are large and brilliant, making a fine showing. They are easy of culture and the low price for which they may be procured makes them within the reach of all flower lovers.

Do you know that away up in Alaska they have flower gardens that rival our own? At Skagway every summer the people vie with each other as to who shall have the prettiest flower garden. Prizes are given by the wealthy business men of the place to the one who has succeeded in having the most beautiful garden for the summer. Sweet Peas grow eleven feet high in these northern gardens. Most flower seeds do not ripen there as the season is too short and the seeds must be procured from florists. The Dahlias are raised from seeds if planted early. Hardy Rose-bushes thrive well in Skagway with very little protection.

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Remove all dust from the face before going to bed, as it is a fruitful cause of what is termed "black heads."

Avoid highly-colored and perfumed soaps. The coloring matter is often injurious to the skin, and the perfume may be used to cover the odor of impure materials.

Large pores on the nose and chin may be reduced by applying a lotion, several times a day, composed of lemon juice and glycerine, or one of alum and water.

In the winter furs and dark clothes often cause discolorations of the neck which may be removed by peroxide of hydrogen dabbed on the skin once a day.

Diet plays an important part with those who desire to be plump; a very slender girl will find, as a rule, that she is helped by eating the things she likes best. A healthy stomach usually digests what it craves and does not assimilate as readily what it dislikes. Particularly is this true of fats of all kinds, including nuts, milk, butter, etc.

Nose bleeding can be stopped by rolling a piece of tissue paper about two inches long into a tight roll and pushing it under the upper lip against the nose; this compresses the small arteries and prevents the blood from passing into the nasal passages.

A child in convulsions should be put at once into a tub of warm water, which causes relaxation of the muscles, and starts the circulation. As one of the frequent causes of this disorder is from imprudent eating, a dose of a good cathartic, preferably castor oil, should be given in the interval of the spasms.

For the ordinary sore throat that belongs to a cold, nothing is more soothing and healing than the following excellent gargle: One teaspoonful of carbolic acid, one ounce of glycerine and one pint of water. This preparation is to be shaken and gargled frequently. It is also a capital remedy for tonsillitis and the sore throat of scarlet fever.

A stiff neck is often the accompaniment of a cold. A cathartic is the first thing in order. Rub briskly with camphorated oil, or oil in which you have put spirits of ammonia and tincture of capsicum. Heat a flannel and put around the neck, lie on a hot water bottle, or in some way apply as much heat to the muscles of the neck as can be borne.

For a beginning cold, when there is oppression on the chest, a dry hard cough, preventive measures will generally break up promptly. A mustard plaster of mustard and warm oil or lard with a little flour mixed in, if the skin is sensitive, applied to the chest and between the shoulders relieves the cough. These can be moved about over the chest as they redden the skin. Soak the feet in hot mustard water, and wrap them in heated flannel before getting into bed. Take a bowl of hot lemonade and induce perspiration by covering up very warm. In the morning a brisk rub will close up the pores and prevent a fresh cold. These active measures at the start are generally sufficient, although many people take a five-grain dose of quinine or Dovers powder to make assurance doubly sure.

Quick Service Direction for Facial Massage: Bathe the face with warm water and some pure soap, rinsing carefully and drying thoroughly. Rub in a good skin food with a rotary movement of the finger tips, being careful not to push up the flesh in fine lines. For crowsfeet: Place first finger on eyelid close to the nose, sweep outward just beyond the eye, then back underneath to the starting point. For wrinkles across the forehead use rotary movement and smooth the lines crosswise. Lines

between the eyes: Place thumb at lower end of line and hold stationary; place first finger at upper end and smooth downward. Same treatment for lines extending from nose to corners of the mouth. To reduce double chin: Apply skin food, pick up flesh in tiny folds and roll firmly. After treatment bathe with cold salt water to avoid a flabby condition.

Shampoo Tonic for White Hair—Shave a small bar of white castile soap, add one quart of water, boil to one pint and cool; add one pint of bay rum, one tablespoonful of borax and 30 grains of bisulphate of quinine. Use as a shampoo.

When brushing the teeth—Brush away from the gums. This is the only way to dislodge foreign particles. Diluted Listerine makes a pleasant mouth wash, and is very excellent for those individuals who suffer from colds. A firm tooth brush is better than a soft one and will keep the gums in a healthier state.

Constant coughing irritates the delicate mucous membrane of the throat and bronchial tubes and prevents it from healing as it should after a cold. When the impulse to cough comes, take a long breath and hold it until the warmed air has softened and soothed the inflamed surfaces. Each effort will be easier than the last and there will be less inclination to cough.

Heat applied locally for neuralgia pains is very soothing and effective. It is best to have a hot-water bag always in the house, as it is one of the best ways of applying heat. The heat of water may be too intense to hold the bag itself against the skin, so it is a good idea to make a flannel bag for covering the rubber bag.

Chloroform Vapor for Earache—Doctor Morgan states that he has often promptly relieved the distressing earache of children by filling the bowl of a common new clay pipe with cotton wool, upon which he dropped a few drops of chloroform, and inserting the stem carefully into the extended canal, and adjusting his lips over the bowl, blew through the pipe, forcing the chloroform vapor upon the membrana tympani.

Hoarseness is sometimes relieved very quickly by dissolving a small lump of borax in the mouth. Another simple and effective remedy is the inhalation of tar vapor. Heat one part of tar to two parts of water in a crock or tin can; when at the boiling point, wrap a paper, funnel-shaped, around it and slowly inhale the fumes as they rise; if too strong, more water may be added. This is very healing to the throat and bronchial tubes.

Cold hands are the result of poor circulation. This can be helped when the weather is cold by wearing wool gloves with a muff. The warmth and lack of exchange of air caused by wearing kid gloves is apt to cause the hands to perspire, chilling them still more and chafing the skin when again exposed to the air. Vigorous exercise of the arms, rubbing and clapping the hands to stir up circulation, is better than warming by the fire.

As a result of improper dietetic habits—taking food very difficult of digestion, too much of ordinary food or at improper time, and eating so rapidly that it is not half masticated—some have a continuous "head cold," and are unable to breathe with the mouth closed, thus inducing additional disease. The appropriate treatment for such supposed colds, etc., is the adoption of simple habits, careful dieting, making the grains and fruits more than usually prominent, eating flesh very sparingly, if at all, and no pork. These supposed colds have led many persons to take undue care of the head, in contrast with the feet, which demand a great deal more attention as the means of warding off such dreaded evils. Another doctor says that there is no doubt that many colds come through the feet. Thin-soled, shoes or thick-soles, standing on ice or snow, or cold wood, until the sole attains the same degree of cold as the foot, and there are some of the best of that on which it rests is the cause.

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Knowing that the homely woman with deep lines and furrows must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister, many resorted to annoying and even dangerous experiments trying to regain their former youthful appearance. This new discovery, however, will do away with all these rash measures, as the treatment is harmless and simple. It is said that, aside from banishing wrinkles in from one to three nights, it is a great aid to beauty, making the skin soft and velvety and beautifying the complexion. Many who have followed Miss Ellison's advice look from five to twenty years younger, and, judging by the number of replies she is receiving daily, people are not slow at taking advantage of her generous offer.

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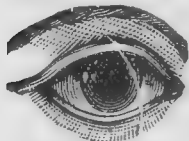
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Boys and Girls.

Little Bo-Peep.

Little Bo-Peep sits on my knee—
Little Bo-Peep with head of gold,
Softly singing in baby key
Of a poor little sheep that was out in the cold;

A poor little sheep that had lost its fold,
Just that a sad little song might be
For little Bo-Peep with her three years old
To sit and solemnly sing to me.

Ready for bed is little Bo-Peep
As she sits and sings while I hold her tight;
Her serious eyes are round and deep,
Her little night-gown is soft and white.

And she sings of the sheep that was lost in the night,
Lost in the cold while her lambkins weep
Till the words grow sleepy, the eyes shut tight,
And so little Bo-Peep is fast asleep.

Little Bo-Peep sleeps on my knee—
Little Bo-Peep with her three years old—

While I think of the song in that baby key
Of the poor little sheep that is out in the cold;

My poor little sheep that has lost its fold,
Out in the storm and the dark, maybe,
While little Bo-Peep, with her head of gold,
Sits and solemnly sings to me!

The Path of Long Ago.

I wish that you could walk with me
The path of long ago,
And see the cabins on the hill,
Beside the maple row;
And hear the daisy's ngs afloat
From fields of snowy white,
And watch the busy spinning wheels,
Around the hearth at night.

I wish that you could climb with me
The marble steps that led
Into the mansion's open doors,
Where swift the moments sped;
You, too, would find a welcome there,
And share the merry glee,
If you could step across the years,
And climb that stair with me.

Such dinners as we used to spread,
Upon the table wide,
The roast pig and the dumplings rare,
The muffins puffed with pride,
You never saw such rich deserts,
You never aae such bread,
We never seem to make the same
Since Mammy Jane is dead.

There'd be the same old welcome warm,
If you, my child, could go,
The mistress had an outstretched hand,
The servants curtsied low,
They, too, would greet us gladly, child;
Aunt Meg would gaily sing
The while she hung the spotless clothes
Beside the maple spring.

You, child, are of the future days,
New fashions you shall see;
I cannot take you back so far,
To walk the past with me,
The old time lanes are thinning now,
The ivies round them grow;
And so I have to tread alone
That path of long ago.

—Lucia B. Cook.

A Bunch of Violets.

"Don't tease me lads," she said;
"Wait till old Winter goes.
How can a lassie think of love
When the cold north wind blows,
And the grass hides 'neath the snows?"

"What time the violets
In clusters blue I see,
A bunch I'll gather dewy sweet
For somebody, and he
My own sweetheart shall be."

Green grew the earth below,
And bright the sky above,
And the birds sang clear loud songs of joy,
And soft sweet songs of love,
From ev'ry wood and grove.

The pink-white apple buds
Hung on the orchard tree,
And the violets she gathered were
The fairest that could be,
For—she gave them all to me!

The Battle of the Bags.

Of course, you have at some time blown your breath into a paper bag until it was fully distended, and then, holding tightly, closed the opening in the neck, struck it a whack on the bottom which made the bag explode with a sharp report. Well, don't do it again. Save your paper bags until you have a dozen or so, for you can have ever so much more fun out of them in another way.

Give a bag to one of your playmates and take one yourself. Each bag must be "blown" up till it is as full of air as it can possibly be. Close the necks of the bags by twisting them tightly and grasp them firmly in your right hand, holding them by the twisted necks.

Now you and your playmate stand opposite each other, holding your bags pointing toward each other, bottom first. The bags must be struck together smartly enough to break your opponent's bag while keeping your own intact, and while, of course, your opponent tries to do the same thing. It takes quite a little skill and a nice judgment to do this, for if the bags meet with too much force both will break, and if struck too lightly neither will be damaged.

The quickest blow, not the hardest, will break the bag which receives it. A bag standing still will be broken by a bag in motion, while a retreating bag will be affected very little by even a stiff blow.

We will suppose that your opponent makes a thrust with his bag; now if you withdraw your bag a little, so that his arm be fully extended by the time his bag has touched yours, you have him at your mercy. By a quick jab you strike your bag smartly against his while his is standing still, and pop! it goes, while yours remains triumphantly whole.

Again, if you see your opponent starting a slow jab at your bag, you may make a quick jab at his and be pretty sure of breaking it without bursting your own, for yours will be traveling the faster.

You should each start the game with an equal number of bags, say three each or more, and the one who finishes with the most whole bags wins the game.

You must be careful to have each pair of bags just the same size and to use only those that are quite whole and have no tiny holes in them. You will find a very great deal of fun in this game, which is especially good for rainy days, and with a little practice you may be pretty sure of defeating in every encounter a player who attempts it for the first time.

The Fox, the Monkey and the Pig.

The fox, the monkey, and the pig were once inseparable companions. As they were nearly always together, the fox's thefts so far reflected upon his innocent associates that they were all three held to be wicked animals.

At length, the enemies of these three laid a snare in a path they were known to use.

The first that came to the trap was the pig. He viewed it with contempt, and, to show his disdain of his enemies and his disregard for their snare, he tried to walk through it with a lofty tread. He found he had undervalued it, however, when, in spite of his struggles, he was caught and strangled.

The next that came was the monkey. He inspected the trap carefully; then, priding himself upon the skill and dexterity of his fingers, he tried to pick it to pieces. In a moment of carelessness, however, he became entangled, and soon met the fate of the unfortunate pig.

The last that came was the fox. He looked at the snare anxiously, from a distance, and, approaching cautiously, soon made himself thoroughly acquainted with its size and power. Then he cried, "Thus do I defeat the machinations of my enemies!"—and, avoiding the trap altogether, by leaping completely over it, he went on his way rejoicing.

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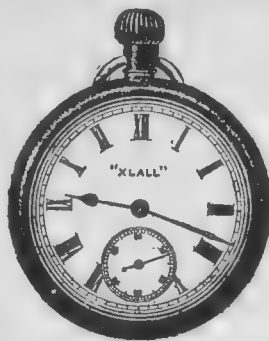
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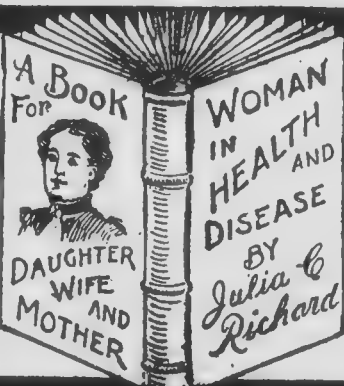
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Woman and the Home.

Midwinter.

The valley stream is frozen,
The hills are cold and bare,
And the wild white bees of winter
Swarm in the darkened air.

I look on the naked forest;
Was it ever green in June?
Did it burn with gold and crimson
In the dim autumnal noon?

I look on the barren meadow;
Was it ever heaped with hay?
Did it ever hide the grassy cottage,
Where the skylark's children lay?

I look on the desolate garden;
Is it true the rose was there?
And the woodbine's musky blossoms,
And the hyacinth's purple hair?

I look on my heart and marvel
If Love were ever its own—
If the Spring of promise brightened,
And the Summer of passion shone?

Is the stem of bliss but withered?
Does the root survive the blast?
Are the seeds of the Future sleeping
Under the leaves of the Past?

Ah! yes, for a thousand Aprils
The frozen gems shall grow,
And the dews of a thousand summers
Shall come from under the snow.

Retaining Your Beauty.

Jean Maccomber.

"What can I do to avoid being round-shouldered, to reduce my abdomen, and to regain a little of the youthful contour I possessed at twenty?" is the cry constantly going up from middle-aged women.

Many exercises can be tried in this extremity and, as a rule, beneficial results follow. After dressing in a short skirt and canvas shoes, a simple exercise that can be tried at the start, consists of rising on the toes and touching the fingers together above the head. This can be done six or eight times in succession and is invaluable in reducing the waist. In a month's time the woman who practices this faithfully will be surprised at the change in her measurements. An excellent exercise for reducing the hips is to bring the body forward by bending down as far as possible without flexing the knees. After this has been tried for a few weeks the exercise can be increased by stooping until the fingers touch the floor. This is difficult and can only be successful after the body has become supple.

To reduce the abdomen and waist the beauty wand is essential. It can be a light cane, and should be taken in the hands and held above the head while the holder bends first to one side and then to the other. It should be held as motionless as possible, firmly, and with the weight of the body resting on the ball of the foot. The lighter the cane or wand, the better for this movement, which can be varied by lifting the wand over the head and then lowering it several times in succession.

These movements affect the waist where the adipose tissue settles. The rapidity with which the waist will increase in size if these exercises are given up, shows how essential it is to be faithful in them. If possible, they should be practiced in a gymnasium suit, but if this cannot be accomplished they can be taken when ready for bed. An advantage in taking them in a gymnasium suit with others is that music helps to interest the exerciser and the sight of others is inspiring. If the corpulent will not exercise she can, of course, resort to massage to reduce flesh or go to a Swedish movement cure. Both of these cost money, and it is better to resort to simpler means.

If, as is said, each ten pounds adds ten years to a woman's age, the woman with protruding abdomen will try these suggestions and never give up. As a rule, a big abdomen goes with a stooping figure or with the person who throws shoulders back and stands incorrectly. To ascertain whether the abdomen is too large or has grown smaller, one should stand upon the balls of the feet, leaning not backward or forward, but standing correctly and straight. If a line dropped from the tip of the bust to the floor just grazes the abdomen, the proportions are right. More often the abdomen protrudes, and to remedy this there is nothing better than correct standing, exercise and diet. There seems little use in cramping

one's self in a tight corset to reduce the waist. The flesh is simply crowded somewhere else, the figure assumes ungainly proportions and the minute the pressure is removed the waist becomes larger than ever. Another way to reduce flesh is to strike out vigorously with the arms. A home-made striking bag can be made by taking a piece of denim twenty inches square, filling it with sawdust and hanging it by a stout rope from the lintel of the door. In using it one should face it squarely, with head back and chest out, alternating the blows with the right and left fists, hitting hard and expanding the lungs at every blow.

Heart and Home Talks.

Every inmate of the home should feel an individual responsibility for the comfort, welfare and happiness of the whole family.

It is very selfish to accept home pleasures and comforts without contributing to them.

Order, system and cleanliness require a ceaseless round of daily and weekly tasks to secure them, and all are necessary in every well conducted home.

It is really cruel to place all the responsibility and the greater share of the labor necessary to the maintenance of a comfortable home upon one or two.

True, the parents, the mother especially, often fail to train children from a very early age in habits of order, neatness and general helpfulness.

But when children reach an age when they comprehend what is done for them in the home they should also realize that it is the duty of each to take upon themselves their share of the work that must be done for the comfort of all.

If father and the boys leave their outside garments scatter about on the chairs and floor while they are indoors and fling books and papers down wherever it happens when they go out; if the daughters are careless about putting away their belongings, and make up the beds only just as they are ready to get into them, the mother alone cannot keep the home in order.

But if each takes care of his and her own things, puts books and papers in their proper places when through with them, and all lend a helping hand at the everyday tasks the mother's responsibility as manager, and her labors would be greatly lightened and housework become less of drudgery.

Home work should be a labor of love. This has been said in this column many times, but it cannot be said often enough until it becomes reality in every home in the land.

As has been doubtless suspected by the time this paragraph is reached, this talk is especially with the sons and daughters whose presence still brightens the home.

It will not be many years before first one, then another of you will step out into the wider world, or respond to the summons to the Better World. And now while the circle is still unbroken every one of you should seek to do everything possible to add to the comfort and happiness of the home, and lighten the cares of your parents.

The memories of the home in which you are growing to manhood and womanhood together will be the happiest you will recall in all the after years, if you each do your part now.

There is none of the human family faultless. But instead of dwelling upon and magnifying one another's faults and weaknesses if we cannot help to overcome them it is better to overlook them. Remember to look for the beam in thine own eye before criticising thy brother for the mote in his. Learn to bear and forbear, and to enjoy these dear home days together.

As one who has journeyed on past many milestones in life beyond yours, and who treasures most deeply and lovingly in memory many happy home years, I would say to you that in all of life to come you can have no dearer possession, which will more than repay, yes, a thousand times, any self sacrifice now.

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HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

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COOKING RECIPES.

Browned Sweet Potatoes.—Peel and cut in halves lengthwise and steam until soft. Butter them over the tops, sprinkle with sugar and set in oven just long enough to brown.

Cream Sauce.—Mix one cupful of cream and one-half cupful of powdered sugar. Flavor with one teaspoonful of lemon or vanilla. Beat it until light, and serve it on a pudding eaten with sugar and cream.

Nut Bread.—Into the sponge of two loaves of bread stir one large cupful of chopped walnut meats, mix real well and treat it as you would your ordinary bread dough. When cold, cut in thin slices, butter and press together.

Baked Bananas.—Remove one-fourth of skin of bananas. Bake in oven till skins are discolored and pulp soft. Remove from skins and pour over them a sauce made of melted currant jelly, to which has been added a piece of butter and a grating of nutmeg.

Harrison Cake.—One cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, one cupful of molasses, one cupful of milk, two eggs and three cupfuls of flour, one pound of stoned raisins (or less if desired), one teaspoonful each of cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg, one teaspoonful of soda.

Cocoanut Bars.—Place in the kettle one cup of maple syrup and a tablespoonful of butter. When it begins to boil, add a grated cocoanut and stir until the candy will harden when dipped in cold water. Now pour out upon a well-buttered slab or platter, and, when cool enough, cut in squares and wrap in paraffine paper.

Marshmallow Pudding.—Make a lemon jelly. Put a layer of sliced marshmallows in the bottom of the mould, and when the jelly has begun to set spread a little over them. Continue with jelly and marshmallows until the mould is full and put away to harden. Serve with whipped cream.

Roast Beef Left-Overs.—Chop the beef somewhat coarsely, put into a baking-dish and pour over it the gravy (seasoned with a bit of onion juice, a dash of Worcestershire sauce) mash potato, season and moisten with milk, stir into it a beaten egg, spread in over beef, put in oven twenty minutes.

Baked Cabbage.—Soak cabbage one hour in cold water, then boil ten minutes, after cutting in good-sized pieces. Place in a baking-dish and cover with one tablespoonful of butter, one cupful of milk. Salt and pepper to taste. Cover with breadcrumbs and bake one hour.

Hot Cakes.—Very good and quickly made hot cakes are prepared by beating one egg very light, stirring in a cupful of flour, half a cupful of milk and two tablespoonfuls of sugar, beating them briskly till light and then stirring in quickly a good teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake in muffin tins for twenty minutes in a quick oven. This will be enough for half a dozen muffins.

Nut and Potato Croquettes.—Coarsely chop enough black walnut meats to measure one cupful. Mix them with one cupful of mashed and seasoned potatoes and one cupful of soft breadcrumbs. Stir in two well-beaten eggs. Add a high seasoning of salt, pepper and onion juice and three tablespoonfuls of beef stock. When cold mould into croquettes, dip each into beaten egg, roll in fine crumbs, and fry in deep, smoking fat.

Creamed Finnan Haddie.—Soak the fish eight or ten hours in cold water to freshen. Butter a sheet baking pan, lay in the fish, sprinkle with pepper, put on generous bits of butter and nearly cover with milk. Bake in fairly quick oven forty-five minutes to an hour. Take out fish on platter, thicken gravy with one tablespoonful each of flour and butter blended together, pour over fish and garnish with parsley and slices of lemon. If there is more gravy than is liked on the platter, serve in gravyboat.

Dixie Biscuit.—Three pints of flour, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a bit of salt, two eggs, one-half cupful of butter, one and one-half cupfuls of milk, one-half yeast cake dissolved in one-half cupful of water. Mix eggs, sugar and butter together. Add eggs with a light touch from fifteen to thirty minutes. Mix at eleven o'clock in the morning and let rise till four in the afternoon. Roll out about one-half inch thick. Cut with size cutter. Place small biscuit on top of layer. Rise in pan and bake one-half hour.

Pickled Oysters.—Strain the oysters from the liquid and boil them. Rinse the oysters if there are any bits of shell attached to them. Put them into the liquid while it is boiling and boil one minute; then take them out, and into the liquid put a few white pepper corns, cloves and a blade or two of mace; add a very little salt and the same quantity of vinegar as oyster water; let the whole boil fifteen minutes, then turn it on the oysters. If you wish to keep the oysters for a number of weeks, bottle and cork them tightly as soon as cold.

Stuffed Bananas.—Peel the skin from one side of large bananas, and with a teaspoon scoop out a furrow three-quarters of an inch deep. Chop fine some candied pineapple and cherries; mix with them granulated sugar. Put the mixture in the prepared bananas, heaping it up; place them in a baking pan, and bake it in a moderate oven for twenty minutes. Serve them in the skins very hot, and pour a tablespoonful of orange juice over each banana. For half a dozen bananas allow two ounces of pineapple, the same amount of cherries, and two tablespoonfuls of sugar.

Berkshire Muffins.—One cupful of cornmeal, one cupful of flour, one cupful of boiled rice, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, one-half cupful of sugar, one and one-half cupfuls of hot milk, two eggs, one tablespoonful of melted butter. Scald the meal with the hot milk and let stand for five minutes. Add the boiled rice and flour, baking powder, salt and sugar sifted together thoroughly. Add the yolks of the eggs, well beaten, the butter and the well-beaten egg whites. Mix all well together and bake in hot buttered gem pans twenty-five minutes.

Fruit Cake.—One cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of butter, one-half cupful of milk, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two teaspoonfuls of baker's vanilla, three eggs, one-half cupful seeded raisins, one-half cupful of sliced citron, two cupfuls of flour, one-quarter teaspoonful of salt. Thoroughly mix flour, baking powder and salt. Dredge fruit with flour, cream butter and sugar, add beaten eggs and beat vigorously. Add flour and milk. Beat again and stir in the prepared fruit. Carefully line a loaf pan with three thicknesses of greased paper. Bake the cake one and one-half hours in a moderate oven, covering with paper for first hour.

German Biscuits.—Half pound flour, quarter pound butter or lard, quarter pound sifted sugar, one-half teaspoonful baking powder, one egg, one teaspoonful cinnamon, one teaspoonful mixed spice. Mix flour, spices and powder together. Beat butter and sugar to a cream. Add the half of the flour and spices. Mix in. Add the egg. Stir in well. Then add the other half of the flour and spices. Mix all well together. Turn out on a floured board. Knead till smooth. Roll out rather thinly. Cut into small rounds (a fluted cutter makes pretty biscuits.) Lay on greased baking tin, and bake in a moderate oven about 15 minutes. Put on sieve to cool. Spread jam on half of the biscuits. Lay the plain ones on the top. Sprinkle thickly with icing sugar, and put a small piece of cherry in the centre of each biscuit.

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"Cheer up, man, thar's good times
comin'!"
He would allus smile an' say.
And somehow the soul would lighten
Underneath its heavy load,
And the gloomy skies would brighten
As we plodded down the road.

True, he warn't to say religious,
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As to miss his neighbor's need.
Didn't waste his time in prayin'
That the world might better grow,
Lent a hand, and helped uplift it—
All the time a-smilin' so!

Had his faults like other mortals,
But the good he did on earth
Far outweighed his imperfections
In the scales of honest worth.
Saints, I know, all thronged to greet him
For the work he wreath below—
Glad, like we were, jest to meet him—
He was allus smilin' so!

—Hilton R. Greer.

Poultry Pointers.

Wheat, corn and oats with some sort of meat food, like beef scraps or ground fresh bone, form the basis of all successful poultry feeding.

Milk, whole or skim, sweet or scabbered, is an excellent poultry food, but it will not take the place of water, which should be also supplied.

Don't forget that the hens need exercise as much in winter as in summer, and provide a deep litter of hay, straw or leaves, and compel them to scratch in it for the hard grain they receive.

Mark the pullets that laid early this winter and save them to breed for next year, for in that way the early laying of your flock will be increased from year to year if you give the fowls proper care.

Poultry Raising.

A reader of this magazine sends us the following:—

I rely on grains, scattered in clean litter, in the cold weather, having discarded mashers unless I have an occasional batch of, say meat broths, not needed for family consumption. I believe that given an abundance of clean water, accessible at all times, and free from ice, the fowls can mix the foods better than I can, thus obviating the condition of bowel looseness, which I found was always present when feeding mash. There need be no fear of that trouble so long as you can see the droppings compact and white at the end; there is a pointer not to be despised!

I keep crushed oyster shells, dry beef meal and granulated charcoal in dry feed hoppers in the scratching shed (8x12), all the time. I also aim to give them dry bran during the winter and the gulp it down greedily. Just fill a gallon crock and see how it disappears. Apple and potato parings I feed raw, supplementing the green stuff of summer. They will soon learn to eat potato parings. Throw small pieces about sparingly here and there, just to excite the greedy things to beat the other fellow, and in that way you soon have them eager for them. Where few fowls are kept and many potatoes used they might accumulate and in that case cooked ones, seasoned with salt or boiled in stock left from dinner, could be all right but the green stuff is essential. I like to hang cabbage heads up by strings daily, but this year do not have any surplus. I always chop the refuse cabbage leaves and cores and feed them raw.

Any bones, boiled or raw, I put through a green bone cutter, when able to use it, but last winter it stood idle as I suffered from a sprained right arm and shoulder. I do not buy green bone any more as beef meal is much easier to handle and gives as good results. I have milk to feed part of the time and that is excellent for egg production. I feed it clean and in cold weather warm it nicely so it won't freeze until consumed. Sour or sweet will do, but I rather prefer it sweet.

I use leaves for litter when able to gather a store of sacks full. I put them up above my center room, or vestibule, in the poultry house. This year I was not equal to the work, so must depend on straw, chaff and barn litter from where hay is thrown down. But one must keep litter for them to work in and scatter and bury the grain in it for that purpose. I feed wheat, buckwheat, some corn and oats, but the latter is almost too expensive now. If you can buy cracklings from the wheat market they help out for variety once a week. Table and kitchen scraps I never have in abundance, having been "brought up" to be economical, and our cats take what we have.

I have a dozen pure-bred White Leghorn hens, a year old, about sixty White Wyandottes and one-half dozen grade hens. Have wintered seventy-five to eighty the past three years. The first winter (1904) I went into the business to see if poultry did pay. I had to buy all my feed and the first investment was to buy forty bushels of buckwheat, which I fed more than wheat then, as the latter was \$1 per bushel and the former fifty cents.

I bought some corn, bran, middlings and cracklings, a bone cutter at \$12 and fifty-six hens at Christmas. They began to lay in January and the coldest day of winter, in February, I got thirty-seven eggs.

To keep lice at bay I use a brush and kerosene on the roosts, either the crude or refined oil. If you expect hens to lay you must keep them busy and not too full of feed. My fowls have the range of the farm, except in stormy weather, and warm quarters to keep their combs from freezing at night.

In the Dairy.

Sunshine is one of the best disinfectants on earth. Lighten up the dark, gloomy stables by adding more windows. A coat of white-wash is also desirable.

There is nothing that adds relish to the cow's ration quite so well as does silage or roots at this time of the year. They are the best substitutes for green grass.

Don't try to keep roots, such as potatoes and turnips, in the same cellar with milk. Roots are all right in their way, but do not all desirability to the flavor of the milk.

When You Feed the Calf.

Feed regularly, at the same time of the day, remembering that the calf's stomach is its clock, and try to have the milk in the same condition at all times.

If you feed both milk and grain, feed separately as the good of the grain is had by masticating and mixing with salivary juices, and not by bolting down with the milk.

Have plenty of good bright hay at hand as the calf can use it profitably in building up an ample digestive system.

Don't forget to give the calf water as well as milk.

Feed the milk as soon after separating as possible.

See that the feed pails are clean.

Don't give too much skim milk at the start.

Care of the Cow.

This is most important in the production of good milk. The cow, when housed, should be brushed when necessary and provided with some clean litter for a bed. She should receive good wholesome food and only such water as is fit for human consumption. Good water is very important, as it composes 87 per cent. of the milk. The cow's sides and udder should be brushed and the latter wiped with a damp cloth just before each milking. More hair and dirt get in the milk from a dry udder than from a damp one. Twenty to

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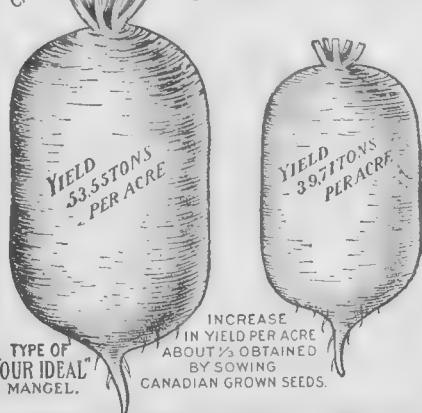
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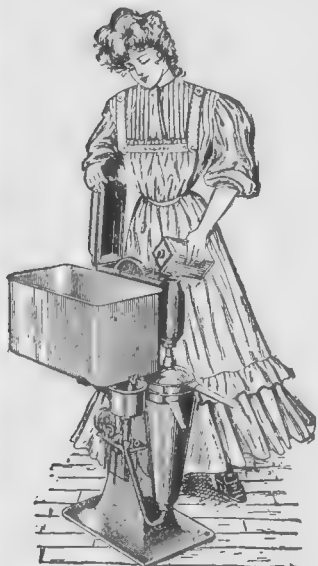
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ninety times as much dirt comes from the unbrushed, unwashed udder as from the clean one. Sprinkling the floors in hot weather will settle the dust and add much to the comfort of the animal and the milker and to the keeping qualities of the milk. Dusty forage should be well sprinkled and fed some time before the milking begins.

The Milking.

The milking should be done with full, clean, dry hand. Stripping with finger and thumb, milking with thumb knuckled under, and milking with wet hands are bad habits, and should not be tolerated. These practices are bad for the cow and cause contamination of the milk. Can one conceive of a more filthy habit than the milker dipping his hands into the milk or squirting it between his fingers? When practicable the milking may be done in the pasture which, from a sanitary standpoint, is preferable to most barns.

The milker should be clean in person and his hands well washed and wiped dry before beginning to milk. A clean jacket and pair of overalls should be kept near at hand and used only while milking.

To Keep Milk From Spoiling.

As a rule, the known harmful organisms are found in milk in only small numbers. It makes a great difference, however, just which one of these harmful varieties gets entrance to milk, not alone by reason of their different actions in the human organism, but because one may increase and multiply in milk while another fails, or it may even be, dies out. Milk is good ground for the typhoid bacillus, but stony soil for his brother, the tubercle bacillus.

A few typhoid germs finding entrance to milk soon after the milking may mean millions of germs to the consumer, while, on the other hand, the few tubercle bacilli in the milk of a tuberculosis cow may be largely deprived of their powers for harm by the time the milk is used. The latter supposition of the relatively rare infection resulting from the use of the milk of tuberculosis cows.

It is of the utmost importance that the following three conditions be rigidly complied with in order to have pure milk for the household. First, the care taken in the milking process to prevent contamination; second, the care to prevent contamination from outside sources after the milking; and, third, the conditions under which the milk has been kept. If no care is taken in these respects, the milk will inevitably contain great numbers of germs. Proper care at the milking will limit the number of organisms to a few hundred to the cubic centimeter, but if such milk be allowed to stand at summer temperature, at the end of twenty or thirty hours the hundreds will have grown to millions. If, on the other hand, the milk is promptly chilled and then kept at a low temperature, at the end of twenty-four hours the number of bacteria may actually be lower than at the milking time. Carelessness at any step in handling of the milk, such as the use of infected cans or utensils, exposure to dust or dirt of any kind, uncleanness on the part of those engaged in the process, etc., will naturally result in increasing the germ contents of the milk. It is in this stage of the process that contamination with the most important of the harmful germs, the typhoid bacillus, is most likely to occur. If such contamination has occurred, then the increase or decrease of these germs will doubtless be determined, in largest part, by the temperature at which the milk is kept and the time that elapses before it is consumed.

Live Stock Cullings.

Plant crops in such a way that stock can wait on themselves.

If you have only a small herd of cows you should build a silo.

It is always best to have a little too much feed than to be a little short.

What's the use of putting high priced feed into scrub stock. Wake up, brother.

Have a clover pasture for those pigs instead of keeping them in a close pen this summer.

Plenty of good water in the pasture is worth dollars to the man who keeps any kind of stock.

Sheep are the easiest kept of all stock, and a small flock of them should be found on every farm.

For keeping up the fertility of the soil there is no branch of farming that will equal dairying.

Do not overcrowd the pasture. Plenty of feed for any stock is the best plan, but do not overfeed.

The value of angora goats for riding land of brush and weeds is being demonstrated every year.

By having collars with a hard surface and perfect fit, sore necks and shoulders will be prevented.

The orchard will be a good place to keep the pigs this summer if you have grass, but keep your eyes open.

Plan to plant a variety of crops so as to have a variety of feed for the stock next winter. They will do better.

Less corn and more oats will give better horses. Has anyone ever condemned oats as a feed for work horses?

Take good care of the sheep and lambs. It will soon be shearing time and the wool money will come in handy.

Keep the land busy growing crops to feed the stock and then get the manure back on the land to grow the next crop.

It will not pay to keep your stock the coming season when you will have plenty of grass for it unless you use a silo.

The best hay is none too good for your work horses. Better pay a good price for good hay than feed poor hay at a low price.

Stick to sheep raising. Don't give up after the first blunder. It is a good business. None better, but it must be learned. Start on a small scale at first and develop the business. Hang on.

Did you ever notice how much a horse enjoys rolling after a hard day's work? It is as much of a treat to him as a bath is to you. Take off the harness and give him a chance, then use the curry comb and brush.

The Care of Cream.

The care of cream is a very important part of dairy work, and it can be truly said that most of the poor butter found upon our markets is due to neglect along this line.

A cream containing 35 to 40 per cent. fat is preferable to too thin or too thick

a cream. Too thin a cream is likely to cause slow, difficult churning with a large loss of fat in the buttermilk, while the same loss is likely to occur through too thick a cream.

As soon as the separator stops the temperature of the cream should be reduced to 45 or 50 degrees and held there in a pure atmosphere until ready to ripen, which is within two or three days at the most. Cream kept in cellars, kitchens, smoke houses, etc., will absorb undesirable odors. There is a tendency to keep cream too long when the weather and roads are bad. When cream is kept too long, even at low temperatures, it will not make good butter and should be paid for according to its merits. The butter maker will find it a good practice to keep and churn all poor cream by itself and pay the patrons who furnish it only what it will bring when made into butter. The result of educating the patrons to better ways and methods of handling their cream will pay for the extra labor required.

Warm cream should never be mixed with cold cream; when cool and ready to ripen the temperature if the whole should be brought to 70 degrees, after which a thorough mixing should take place. No cream should be added during the ripening process. To secure a uniformly ripe cream it should be stirred occasionally during the ripening process. There is likely to be a large loss of fat in the buttermilk when cream of uneven ripeness is churned.

Pasteurizing destroys germ life and helps in getting rid of bad odors and flavors, but it cannot change old, poor-keeping, bad-flavored cream to good cream. Cleanliness at every point in dairying work is more important than pasteurization, but they should go hand in hand.

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She wears a janglin' bracelet, and a rollin' mass of hair, And when good looks was passeled she was handed out her share; She sets there in her glory, in her awe inspirin' togs, And she knows that she's the ruler in this land of prairie dogs.

The boys they come a-ridin' from the corners of the range, And they moon around in Cactus, and they're actin' mighty strange; They have cut out cyards and drinkin', and they make a plum mean fuss If a puncher who's forgetful rips a loud, resoundin' cuss. They flock up to the office, and they spend their hard earned dough. A phonin' off to cities where there ain't no folks they know; It's money fer the comp'ny, but it breaks the boys like sin, For, unlike their gamlin' pas-times, there is nary chance to win.

So, unless the girl flits eastward, there'll be trouble here this fall. For the roundup season's comin' and we can't git help at all; It's tur'ble, ain't it, pardner, when one woman, in her pride, Gits a country full of cowboys roped and throwed, and then hog tied

Please Phone the Laundry.

A New York man was talking about Opie Read, the brilliant author and journalist.

"Read, you know," he said, "founded the Arkansas Traveler. He edited that excellent paper for ten years or more, and made a great success of it.

"They say that in the spring of 1885 a reporter for the Traveler died. He was a fine young chap. A visitor to the office, the day after the funeral, found the editor and his staff taking about his loss disconsolately.

"It has been a sad loss, friends the visitor said. 'A sad loss indeed.' He sighed and looked about the room. 'And I am pleased to see,' he went on, 'that you commemorate the melancholy event by hanging up crape.'

Opie Read frowned. "Crape?" he said. "Where do you see any crape?"

"Over there," said the visitor, pointing.

"Crape be durned," said Read. "That isn't crape. It's the office towel."

A Plethora of Pants.

A Chicago tailoring concern, that is calculating upon extending business by mail orders, issues this composition regarding an article of clothing:

Pants are made for men and not for women. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman, and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants. Such pants don't last. Pants are like molasses—they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold. Men are often mistaken in pants; such mistakes are breeches of promise. There has been much discussion whether pants is singular or plural. Seems to us when men wear pants it is plural, and when they don't it is singular. Men go on a tear in their pants, and it is all right; when the pants go on a tear it is all wrong. If you want to make pants last, make the coat first.

St. Peter and the Broker.

This is going the rounds: A broker from the financial vortex sought admission at the pearly gates. "Who are you?" said St. Peter. "I am a Wall Street broker." "What do you want?" "I want to get in." "What have you done that entitles you to admission?" "Well, I saw a decrepit woman in Broadway the other day and gave her two cents." "Gabriel, is that on the records?" "Yes, St. Peter; it's marked down to his credit." "What else have you done?" "Well, I crossed the Brooklyn Bridge the other night and met a

In Lighter vein.

newsboy half frozen to death and gave him one cent." "Gabriel, is that on the records?" "Yes, St. Peter." "What else have you done?" "Well, I can't recollect anything else just now." "Gabriel, what do you think we ought to do with this fellow?" "Oh, give him back his three cents and tell him to go to hell."

One On His Honor.

Old Woman (awaiting magistrate's signature to her declaration that she has lost a pawn ticket)—"An awkward thing, yer Honor, to lose a pawn ticket."

Police Superintendent: "Sh-h-h."

Old Woman (not to be suppressed)—"Ahem! Its an awkward thing, yer honor, to lose a pawn-ticket?"

Magistrate—"My good woman, I never lost one."

Old Woman—"Ah! Sure, yer Honor, some people are very careful!"

Fell Into the Wrong Hand.

Some time ago an amorous young man sent a letter to a German lady, and this postscript was added:

"That my darling may make no mistake, remember that I will wear a light pair of trousers and a dark, cut-away coat. In my right hand I will carry a small cane and in my left a cigar. Yours ever, Adolphe."

The father replied, courteously stating that his daughter had given him authority to represent her at the appointed place at the time agreed on. His postscript was as follows:

"Dot mine son may make no mish-dakes, I vill veer in mine right hand a glub; in mine left hand I vill veer a six-shooter. You vill recognize me by de vay I bats you on de head a couple of times twice mid de glub. Vait for me at de corner, as I have somedings important to inform you mit.—Yours, Henrich Muller."

Veterinary Item.

Harry, aged four, while visiting his grand-parents in the country, heard a mule bray for the first time.

"Goodness!" exclaimed the little fellow. "That horse has whooping cough awful."

The Old Man's Fortune.

"Old man had his left leg cut off by a railroad."

"You don't say!"

"It's a fact; an' he made enough out o' it to paint the house, take the mortgage off the mule, an' buy Sue a planer."

"My! but ain't Providence on the side o' some folks!"

Ma, Have Been Right.

During a newspaper men's convention a number of journalists were one afternoon talking of the tricks of "the faithless types," when "Marse" Henry Waterson said:

"While I've heard of a great many funny typographical breaks in my time, about the oddest and most humorous transposition of the types that ever came within my observation was that in a New York paper some years ago. That sheet used to print its shipping news on the same page with the obituaries. Imagine the glee with which its readers found the captions exchanged one morning, whereby a long list of respectable names were set forth under the marine head, 'Passed Through Hell Gate Yesterday.'"

Slightly Mixed.

In small country newspaper offices, where the copy goes from the editor to the compositor, then, after printing, directly to the subscribers, the need of a proofreader is often felt. In this connection William Allen White, the Kansas newspaper man, tells of an amusing break made by a boy in the office of such a newspaper in that state.

In "making up" the forms the boy got the galleys mixed, with the following result:

The first part of the obituary of an impecunious citizen had been dumped in the forms, and the next handful of type came from a galley in which was a description of a fire. The subscribers were greatly startled when they came to the paragraph which read thus:

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Faithful to his trust! The reporter grinned, but the governor met his levity with a look of solemn disapproval.

Installing the Ring.

"Much as it pains me to have to tell you, Mr. Simkins," said the fair Miss Robinson in tremulous tones, "I do not love you, and so can not accept the ring you gave me. Please, will you take it back?"

"Oh, I could not dream of doing such a thing," said Simkins gravely; "pray keep it in remembrance of me and my broken heart."

"Thank you! A thousand thanks," murmured the girl; "how good, how generous you are! I shall never, never part with it!"

"Oh, that's all right," answered Simkins, with his hand on the doorknob. "I'll tell the man you're solely responsible. You see, there are five monthly installments to pay on it yet. Good by!" And before the astonished Miss Robinson could reply, Simkins was running down the front door steps.

Already Crowned.

"The late Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the negro poet," said an editor, "once addressed a Sunday school in New York. An incident happened at its end that Dunbar laughed at as heartily as the rest of us. Dunbar, toward the close of his remarks, said: 'And, my little friends, if you do all these things some day you will wear a gold crown. Yes, each of you some day will wear a gold crown.' A little chap in the front row, catching the poet's friendly eye, piped: 'My fader wears one now.' 'No!' said the poet. 'Yes, he does—on his toof,' said the little chap."

Riley and the Weather.

While going to the office of his publishers on a bright morning in September, James Whitcomb Riley met, what seemed to him, an unusually large number of his acquaintances who made the conventional remark about the weather. This unrelenting applause pleased and amused him. When greeted at the office with "Nice day, Mr. Riley," he stopped at the door and answered drolly, "Yes—yes—I've heard it very highly spoken of."

Misinterpreted.

The story is told of a young Winnipeg girl, a favorite in society, but who was poor and had to take care not to get her evening gowns soiled, as her number was limited. At a dance not long ago a great, big, red-faced, perspiring man came in and asked her to dance. He wore no gloves. She looked at the well-meaning but moist hands despairingly, and thought of the immaculate back of her waist. She hesitated a bit, and then she said, with a winning smile:

"Of course, I will dance with you, but if you don't mind, won't you please use your handkerchief?"

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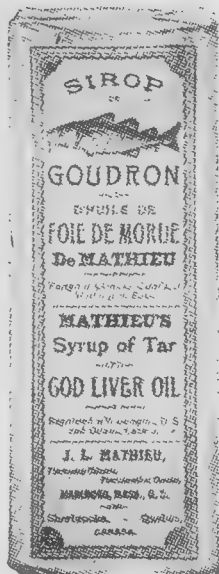
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These Cows Wear Spectacles.

Cows wearing smoked-glass spectacles may be seen in the interior of Russia, where great tracts of country are covered with snow six months of the year. The cows become afflicted with snow-blindness while looking for fine grass under the melting snow. A herd of them, all fitted with these spectacles, is a very queer sight.

Mikado's Night Rambles.

The Japanese press has related numerous anecdotes of the Mikado. Most of them deal with his indefatigable activity, for he is declared to be the busiest man of his empire. At night, when everybody is asleep—and in the country of the crysanthemum they go to rest early—the Mikado leaves his palace and, with his hands in his pockets and a cigar in his mouth, rambles through the streets of the capital in order to make sure that everything is quiet and that his loyal subjects sleep the sleep of the just.

A Disappearing Prairie.

Some years ago a topographer was sent out from Washington to make a survey of what was then Payne Prairie, Florida, a bit of land about eighty-five miles in extent. The survey was made and the prairie described. Three or four years later a new surveying expedition found that this land had been transformed into a body of water, and it was put on the map as Lake Alachua. It developed that this lake-prairie plays a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde game with itself, sometimes appearing as one and sometimes as the other.

A Comic Railway.

The Uganda Railway will impress a traveler as being one which, to do it full justice, should be dealt with in comic opera. Named after a colony through which it does not run, starting from a terminus carefully placed as far away as possible from the port it serves, though reaching the island on which that port is situated by a bridge built at great expense, running for a long extent through natural game preserves, with the result that its trains are held up from time to time by objecting animals, every mile on the line has a more or less humorous tale attached to it.

In the early days, while construction was still proceeding and while only a part of the line was open for traffic—in fact, until quite recently, life on the line most almost has been interesting and occasionally very exciting. As recently as two years ago, for instance, the traffic manager at Mombassa received from the Babu station master at Simla the following telegram marked urgent:

"Lion is on platform. Please instruct guard and driver to proceed carefully and without signal in yard. Guard to advise passengers not to get out here, and be careful when coming into booking office."

The touching piece of advice included seems somewhat superfluous. However, one bold sportsman did get out, and ascending a convenient tree managed to "get" a lioness and a lion within a few minutes. He further wounded another lion, the one waiting on the platform. However, the latter, after being wounded, disappeared and could not be found, so the sportsman went along the siding to look for him. He found him—suddenly—but owing to his swiftness in getting in a blow from the shoulder on the lion's jaw after an exciting rough and tumble, he found himself on top when the lion bolted into the bush.

The conditions of the Arctic atmosphere are so favorable for the transmission of sound that it is possible for two persons to converse through a mile of space.

In Switzerland uniformity, or fixed prices, may be arranged, but agreements to discriminate against or to prohibit the sale of any article are not permitted by law.

Experiments have recently been made with an inflammable paste on bullets. When the bullet leaves the muzzle the paste ignites, leaving a stream of smoke behind it, enabling the marksman to watch its course, and, if necessary, correct his aim for the next shot.

One of the curious things that men of science have discovered in their innumerable efforts to measure and map the earth with the least possible error is the fact that there are places where the direction of a plumb line is not vertical. Irregularities of density in the crust of the globe may produce this phenomena. A remarkable instance has been found in the island of Porto Rico, where the deviation from the vertical is so great that, in mapping the island, the northern and southern coast lines, as shown on the other maps, had each to be moved inward half a mile.

Facts and Figures.

New York City's Police Department has recovered about \$400,000 in stolen property during the last year.

The greatest heat is never found on the Equator, but some 10 degrees to the north, while more severe cold has been found near the Pole.

One of the oldest and most curious samples of the locksmith's art is attached to the door of Temple Church, Fleet Street, London. The key weighs 7 pounds, is 18 inches long, and, unlike other keys, it was not made for the lock. On the contrary, the lock was made for it.

In the south of France one may see, at the little wayside stations, women attending to the signals of the half dozen daily trains; while the companies regularly economize at the level crossings by employing female labor. The husband can be seen at work at his vines upon the hillside, while the wife waves the green flag and keeps the children quiet.

Parisians have found a way of turning the rat into a profitable commodity. In that city there is a rat pound. It is a deep walled pit, in which some thousands of rats are kept. A dead horse is thrown into this pit at night, and rats strip the carcass of its flesh. Once a month there is a general slaying of rats by gas. The rats are sleek and plump and their hides are in excellent condition. Their skins are removed and treated and eventually are made into "kid" gloves.

Many birds form their sounds without opening their bills. The pigeon is a well known instance of this. Its cooing can be distinctly heard, although it does not open its bill. The call is formed internally in the throat and chest, and is only rendered audible by resonance. Similar ways may be observed in many birds and other animals. The clear, loud call of the cuckoo, according to one naturalist, is the resonance of a note formed in the bird. The whirring of the snipe, which betrays the approach of the bird to the hunter, is an act of ventriloquism. Even the nightingale has certain notes which are produced internally, and which are audible while the bill is closed.

Germany has been doing some figuring on the annual profit to Europe from the American tourist invasion. It is assumed that 300,000 persons make a flying trip across the Atlantic each year, and their expenditures, exclusive of steamship tickets, are averaged at \$700 a head, or a total of \$228,000,000. The sum is mostly divided among the railroads, hotels and boarding houses, tailors and dressmakers, and art dealers. It is estimated that 30,000 American women buy more or less clothing in Paris every year, and that they leave \$8,000,000 as a minimum with the dressmakers and \$1,500,000 with the milliners.

It is thought that the old Caylloma silver mines in Peru are probably situated at a greater elevation than any other considerable mines in the world. Their altitude varies between 14,000 and 17,000 feet. They were worked by the Spanish in the sixteenth century, and before that, it is believed, by the Incas. An English company is now preparing a hydro-electric plant for them. This plant will be situated at an altitude of between 15,000 and 16,000 feet. It will derive its power from a waterfall on the Santiago River, and in a dry season from Lake Huallacho, one of the sources of the Amazon. The power will be transmitted by cable about 3 miles.

The last discovered and most distant of great planets, Neptune, extended the solar system more than one thousand million miles. Prof. Geo. Forbes is seeking an even more distant planet, so confidently that he has actually named it Victoria, and he expects that it will be found about 10,000,000,000 miles from the sun.

Trousers were not introduced into England without a struggle—a struggle in which the Duke of Wellington suffered his only defeat. For it is on record that in 1814 he was refused admission to Almack's "because he wore trousers instead of breeches and silk stockings." Next year trousers were admitted to Almack's, and Wellington won Waterloo.

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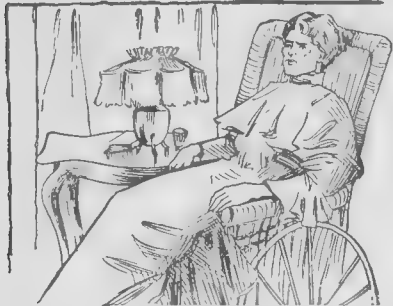
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In the depths of Asia's jungles the tiger he had captured, On the Himalayan summits he had rhapsodized enraptured; He delved in Buddha's mysteries, then China he invaded— The doctrines of Confucius he furiously raided. In Austrailia, by the way, He was utterly au fait; In the bush he lived for days on kangaroo. He had voyaged on a whaler Till he felt himself a sailor. And for lack of lands to conquer he was blue.

So he pitched into astronomy, and the wide heavens dissected, Till he could tell just why the sun with smallpox is affected. He found the man within the moon is quite a jolly fellow, And that the Milky Way runs o'er with cream both thick and mellow; Yet when his wife forgot Her purse, and made him trot To search in a dress-pocket for it—mind! There his Waterloo he met, And he learned that there were yet Things that even he could never, never find.

Splinters.

Stella—"Do you believe that Miss Oldun came by her complexion honestly?" Mabel—"I know she did. I saw the receipted bill for it."

Yeast—"To what family does the prune belong?" Crimsonbeak—"I don't think it belongs to any family. It is a boarding-house product."

Gunner—"You say he has several running accounts in this town? Why don't his debtors collect them?" Guyer—"They can't. He runs faster than the accounts."

"I see Londoners used over 82,000,000 gallons of water last year," said the caller at the dairy. "Gracious!" exclaimed the dealer in the lacteal; "to how much milk?"

Abner Appledry—"Well, Jay, how'd ye like it up t' city?" Jay Green—"Aw, it was all right enough most ways, but what bothered me most was tryin' to look at everybody I met on the street."

"Lady," said Meandering Mike, "have you any more of dat hot mince pie?" "Hot mince pie!" "Yes, lady. I joined a suicide club and we want to use it in givin' the first degree."

"I want to get some salad," said Mrs. Youngwife. "Yes'm," said the dealer. "How many heads?" "Oh, gracious! I thought you took the heads off. I just want plain chicken salad."

Mrs. Newed (sobbing)—"Oh, J-John! the c-cat has e-eaten all the angel cake I b-baked this m-morning. Boo-ho-o-o!" Newed (consoling)—"Well, don't cry, dear! I'll buy you another cat t-morrow."

"Hurrah!" exclaimed the inventor of predigested hay, "a man has lived four days in a mine on nothing but oil and wood." "Well, what's in that to shout about?" "Plenty. You're stupid. It gives me a new idea for a breakfast food."

"The more poets the better," remarked the commercial-looking person. "Ah, you are a lover of poetry," ventured

the literary man. "Not so you could notice it," replied the commercial-looking person. "I'm a manufacturer of waste baskets."

"Is your wife a club woman, Mike?" "Nary the likes o' that, sor; she uses a flatiron, sor."

"Say, Pete, what kind of a bile is this automobile I dun been readin' about in the papers?" "Well, 'tain't just a common bile, I reckon. Seems more like a run around, Sam."

"The people I lived wid before, ma'am," said the new cook, "was very plain." "Well," asked her new employer, "are we not plain here?" "Yez are, ma'am, but in a different way. They wuz plain in their way o' livin', not in their looks, ma'am."

"That boy of yours is certainly going to be at the head of a big trust some day," said Farmer Korncob with pride as he laid down the Weekly Screech. "What makes you think so, H ram?" asked his wife. "His teacher at school says he refuses to answer questions."

Friend of the family (after hearing of the engagement)—"So you're after losing another daughter, Mr. Weloff?" Mr. Weloff—"Well, I'm not sure. I don't know how it will turn out; but it rather strikes me, from what I hear about the young man, that I'm taking on another son."

"There is a lot of talk in the papers," said Mr. Dumley, "about the necessity for uniform divorce laws." Wonder what they mean by that? "Probably," suggested Mrs. Dumley, "it's to compel divorced people to wear a uniform so other folks can recognize 'em."

Minister—"Why is it, John, that you can't go to town without getting under the influence of liquor?" John—"De folks axes me ter drink an' I kaint bery well 'fuse, sah." Minister—"Tut! People don't ask me to drink when I visit them." John—"I reckon I's mo' pop'lar dan yo' is, sah."

Bass—Do you think I did right in flogging my office boy for whistling "Hiawatha?" Fogg—I think you did decidedly wrong. He'll be whistling it again as soon as he gets over smarting. Now, if you had slain the youth you never would have had any more trouble with him.

"Mammy," said Pickaniny Jim, "what does ghosts want to come back to dis yearth foh?" "Dat's a foolish question. Dey kin go whahebber dey wants wif-out payin' no house rent nor cah fare, an' nobody can't shet 'em out. Sometimes I reckons dat ghos'es is de only folks dat re'ly enjoys life."

"In connizance ob de fac' dat tomorrow am washday wid a great many ob de sistern ob dis congregashun," said Parson Henrust at the camp-meeting, "de congregashun will now please rise in dey seats an' jine in singin' dat ol' hymn 'Bringin' On de Sheets!' Let the orchestra perceed!"

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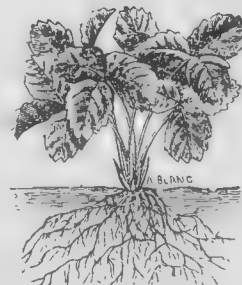
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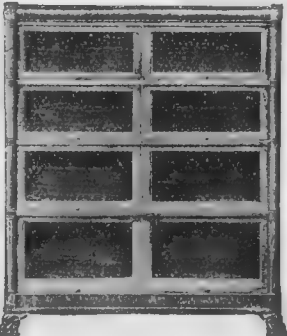
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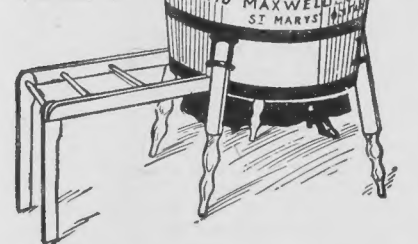
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For the arm of the Man, and the brain of the Man,
And the grit of the Man, make way.

Let us have peace; no timid peace
That doubtful clings to its place,
But the free, brave peace of the old-time Greece

And the faith of a patriot race.
Let the vision of Virtue enrapture the gaze,

And the bolts of integrity stay—
For the arm of the Man, and the brain of the Man,
And the nerve of the Man, make way.

Let us have peace; no anchored peace
That holds its sails in the slips,
But the peace that sweeps all the strange blue deeps

With the keel of its own great ships.
With honor commanding, and Truth at the helm,
And Beauty to welcome the spray—

For the nerve and muscle and brawn and brain,
For the Soul of the Man, make way.

—Charles Eugene Banks.

Over a Glass of Wine. The Message.

They had been introduced, of course, but he spoke to her first at dinner.

"May I pour you a little wine?" he asked.

"Thank you," she said, simply, "a little claret. I drink only claret."

"You don't care for the sweet wines?" "I don't think I really care for any wine, but this is what we drink at home. You did not pour any for yourself," she added, a moment later.

He smiled. "It would be for the first time in my life if I had."

"How strange!" she looked at him point-blank with a pair of clear and very kind blue eyes. "Have you scruples? Do you think it is wrong?"

"Well"—he drew a long breath—"hardly. Yet for me it would be wrong."

The color deepened on her cheek a little. He saw her check back a word from her lips, and the shadow that swept over her face was sweeter than any brightness. But he could not appropriate her unmerited sympathy.

"No—no," he declared, laughing slightly. "It is not at all a temptation to me. I have never known the taste of any sort of liquor. I think I have a great advantage against fate in this, and—I mean to keep it."

"Then you are afraid, after all?" "Sometimes we recognize danger though we do not fear it."

"If it be danger, you must fear it. You do, or you would not take precautions."

He looked down and met her earnest glance. She was forgetting her dinner.

"If you were not afraid," she went on impulsively, "wine would seem to you as harmless as water. It is because you have a fear that you will not touch it." He was at a loss just there.

"It was difficult to meet her candor without a touch of seeming discourtesy. "Suppose I drink to your better fortune," she said. A roughish smile showed itself. "The deadly cup has no terror for me."

He raised his crystal goblet and drank to her in sparkling water, saying gently, "But of my cup no one need be afraid."

There was a pause. She had not lifted the wine to her lips.

A servant came to remove the course, and some one spoke to her across the table. When he could claim her attention again he was ready with a bright remark about the beauty of some roses in a vase near them.

"Yes—so pretty—pretty," she said vaguely, and then, with promise in her tone: "We had not exhausted our topic, I think. May I ask—is it your conviction that liquor should not be used in any form?"

"You are unmerciful," he deprecated. "Think how ungracious it would seem to object to anything under such surroundings."

"Never mind about being compliment-

ary," she replied gravely. "I am trying to reflect—to decide. I have never before given one serious thought to this question of temperance. The people I live among—and they are all upright, intelligent and refined—regard the moderate use of liquor as indispensable. Surely you must admit that there are thousands and thousands who are not in any way injured by its use."

"I know," he said, quickly, "but there are millions and millions—the jails will tell you—the hospitals—"

He stopped abruptly. "Yes," she said, thoughtfully, "yes. But why not take the good and avoid the evil? We need not become drunkards because we use liquor."

He met the appeal of her earnest eyes with a look as earnest.

"Since you desire it," he answered steadily, "let me say one word, and then, I think I will say no more. If you never touch liquor you not only need not, you cannot become a drunkard. But if it once cross your lips the first step is made."

There was a long silence between them. The rest of the guests went on talking gaily. Presently she spoke, but so low that he had to bend his ear to listen.

"You have given me a wonderful message," she said. She set aside her glass of wine, and in the simple act he knew there was consecration.

Queer Things Shalt Thou Say.

A young man of fine family, of splendid gifts, was going down fast through strong drink. His friends had pleaded with him, but he had taken their warnings as an insult. One day one of them, who was a court stenographer, was sitting in a restaurant when the young man came in with a companion and took the table next to him, sitting down with his back to him without seeing him. He was just drunk enough to be talkative about his private affairs, and on the impulse of the moment the stenographer pulled out his note-book and took a shorthand report of every word he said. The next morning the stenographer copied it all out and sent it around to the young man's office. In less than ten minutes the latter came tearing in with the exclamation, "What is this, anyhow?" "It's a stenographic report of your monologue at the restaurant last evening," his friend replied, and gave him a brief explanation. "Did I really talk like that?" he asked faintly. "I assure you it is an absolutely verbatim report," was the reply. He turned pale and walked out. He never drank another drop.—Herald and Presbyterian.

Happiness.

If thou workest at that which is before thee, following right reason seriously, vigorously, calmly, without allowing anything else to distract thee, but keeping thy divine part pure, if thou should be bound to give it back immediately; if thou holdest to this, expecting nothing, fearing nothing, but satisfied with thy present activity according to nature, and with heroic truth in every word and sound which thou utterest, thou wilt live happy. And there is no man who is able to prevent this.—Marcus Aurelius.

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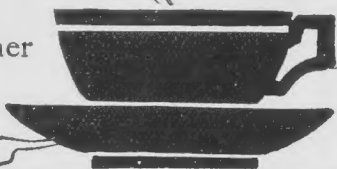
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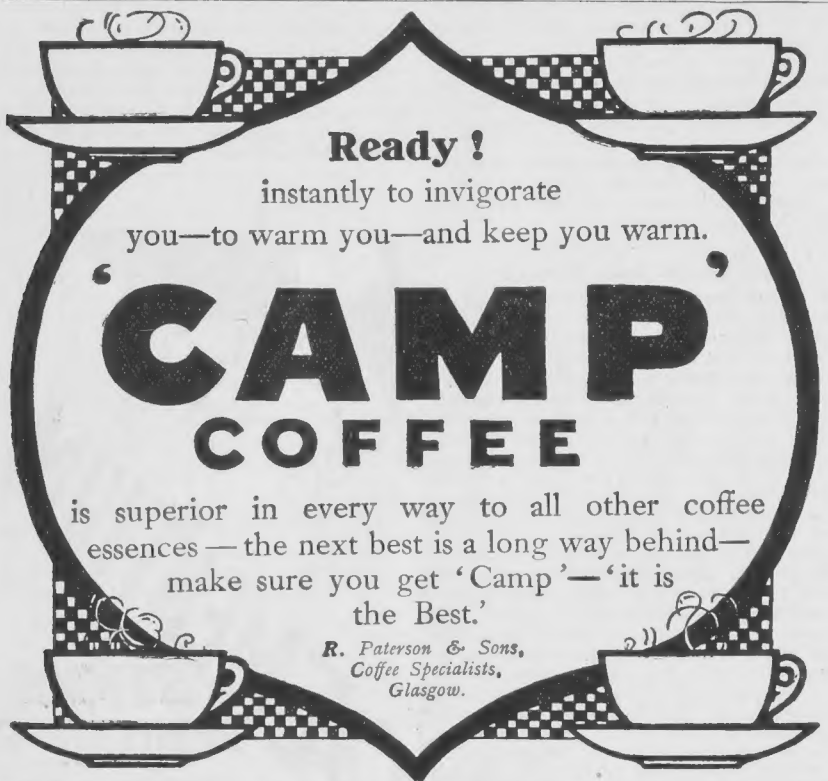
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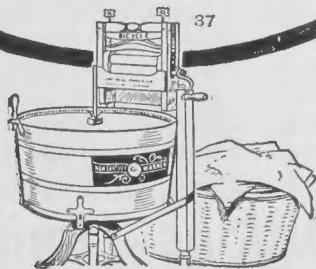


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In Perspective.

The little griefs, the petty wounds,
The stabs of daily care—
"Crackling of thorns beneath the pot,"—
As Life's fire burns—now cold, now hot—
How hard they are to bear!

But on the fire burns, clear and still;
The cankering sorrow dies;
The small wounds heal; the clouds are rent,
And through this shattered mortal tent
Shine down the eternal skies.

—Dinah Mulock Craik.

How to Take Spots Out of Wall Paper.

Spots in wall paper caused by grease or oil can be removed by covering them with a paste made of clay and water. Mix the clay with cold water. For delicately colored papers, pipe clay should be used. Leave the paste on the spot for six or eight hours and then, after it has become thoroughly dry, brush it off with a soft, clean cloth. Make a second application if necessary.

To Clean Laces.

The finest and most delicate laces can be cleaned, so that they will last for years—centuries, if they are properly handled. They should be soaked and not rubbed. Let them stand for some hours in a suds of warm water to which a little ammonia has been added. Press them gently together and keep changing the water till it is fairly clean. Then rinse them thoroughly in hot water and if necessary lay them in the sun to bleach. To dry the laces, pin them in shape to a clean white pad made of a layer or two of white cotton covered with cloth of a smooth white surface. If pinned with care as to all the little points, they will not need pressing with an iron, which is apt to tear them or pull them out of shape.

How to Care for Your Hat.

"Never handle your hat by the brim," is a caution to be observed by all who wish their head gear to be kept in good shape. Lift it by the band under the brim in putting it on or off. Your band-box should have a little stand in it or some other device by means of which the brim can be kept above the bottom of the box. When it is necessary to remove your hat and your band-box is not at hand, either hang the hat up or, in placing it upon a flat surface, turn it upside down.

How to Keep the Soles of Shoes Dry in Winter.

When the shoes are new have a coat of good varnish put upon the soles. This will make the sole proof against dampness and add to the durability of the leather. With vaseline rubbed over shoe tops and a coat of varnish upon the soles, there is no need for over-shoes except in time of the heaviest storms.

To Preserve Matting.

Mattings of a close, fine weave are not so apt to split as the coarser, looser weaves, but all mattings are greatly improved by giving them a thin coat of varnish when first put upon the floor, and by renewing the coat every six months. The varnish gives a surface that prevents wear and keeps the colors of the matting from fading.

To Freshen Carpets.

Give them a good brooming with warm water and ammonia, into which put about a tablespoonful of kerosene to a gallon of water. The kerosene odor will quickly pass off in a good draft of air.

Good Use for Extra Cream.

A delicious pat of butter can be easily and quickly made from cream that might not otherwise be used. The making of butter seems a long and intricate process, but this is so only for large quantities. A pint of cream will make a goodly lot of butter in a few moments if conditions are favorable. First the cream should be just "turned." Then it must be at least at a temperature of sixty degrees, colder if possible. Put it into a bread dish and stir

it with a quick, regular motion, always in one direction. Do this in as cool a place as possible. In a few moments, sometimes after a few turns, the butter will gather in ivory or golden lumps. Use a silver spoon or fork or a wooden spat for stirring. Stir until you are sure no more butter is to come and then press the lumps well together into one corner of the dish and pour off the buttermilk and then press it into shape. Set the dish up on an edge so that any extra buttermilk or water can easily drain off. Salt it if you prefer.

Cuffs for Shirtwaists.

Take a large handkerchief with a white or colored border according to preference. Cut it diagonally across. Make a wristband of the required size and into this gather the bias edge. The handkerchief hem finishes the top part of the cuffs and the corner of the handkerchief comes well up on to the sleeve.

To Scour Steel Knives.

Keep on the back porch a starch box or a good-sized flower pot filled with clean, soft sandy soil. Wet the soil down well so that it will be firm, though not hard. Plunge the knives, one at a time into this the whole length of the blade and rub them up and down several times in the soil. They will come out bright and clean and the method of scouring is simpler and easier and safer than to lay the knife upon a flat surface and scour it by hand with any kind of scouring powder.

How to Clean a Pen.

There are endless devices for pen wipers, from the pen wiper that is so fancy that it is almost useless down to the square of chamois or felt that gets lost among one's papers. But the most useful pen wipers are those into which a pen can be thrust quickly after using and withdrawn or left standing in the "pen wiper"—just as the exigencies of the moment requires. Such pen wipers or "pen cleaners," as they might more properly be called, can be made by putting various materials into a small, neat receptacle—a little glass or porcelain jar, or a little round wooden box. Fine sand answers the purpose well. White sand looks better, though, of course, it soon becomes blackened with the ink. Fill the receptacle about two-thirds full only, to prevent the sand running over the sides when pens are thrust into it. Fine shot or emery powder may be used in the same way. Sometimes sawdust is used or a piece of heavy bark of the redwood tree. A raw potato can be used in the same way, and makes one of the best of pen cleaners. Both the starch and the acid of the potato lend their aid to cleaning the pen.

To Clean Patent Leather.

Wipe patent leather articles with a soft flannel cloth moistened with milk or cream, sweet oil or vaseline. After any spots or stains have been removed, rub them well with a clean corner of the cloth so as to take off any surplus oil that is apt to catch dust.

Another Recipe for Cleaning Leather.

A mixture of two-thirds milk and one-third sweet oil rubbed into leather will keep it soft and clean. Light colored leathers will be made somewhat darker by its use, but the darker leather becomes richer colored and black leather, is, of course, not affected.

To Polish a Mirror.

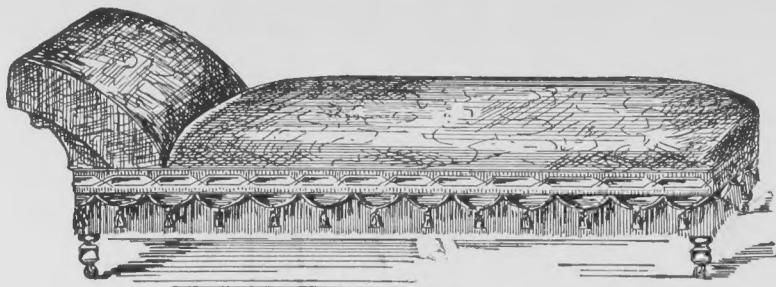
A mirror carelessly cleansed will soon become scratched and thus lose its best capacity as a reflector. They should first be washed with clear cold water with a soft lintless cloth and then polished with a chamois skin dipped in alcohol. A little kerosene and warm water may be used in place of the alcohol.

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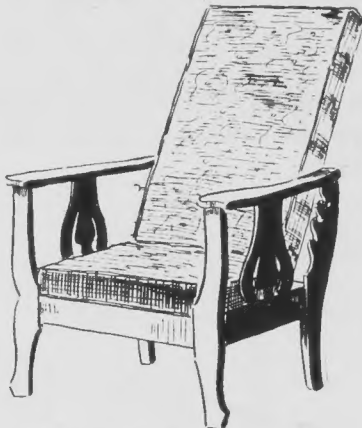
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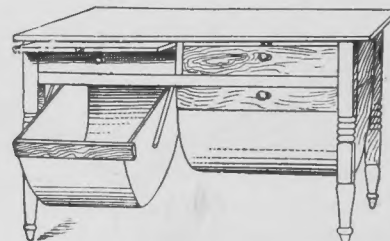
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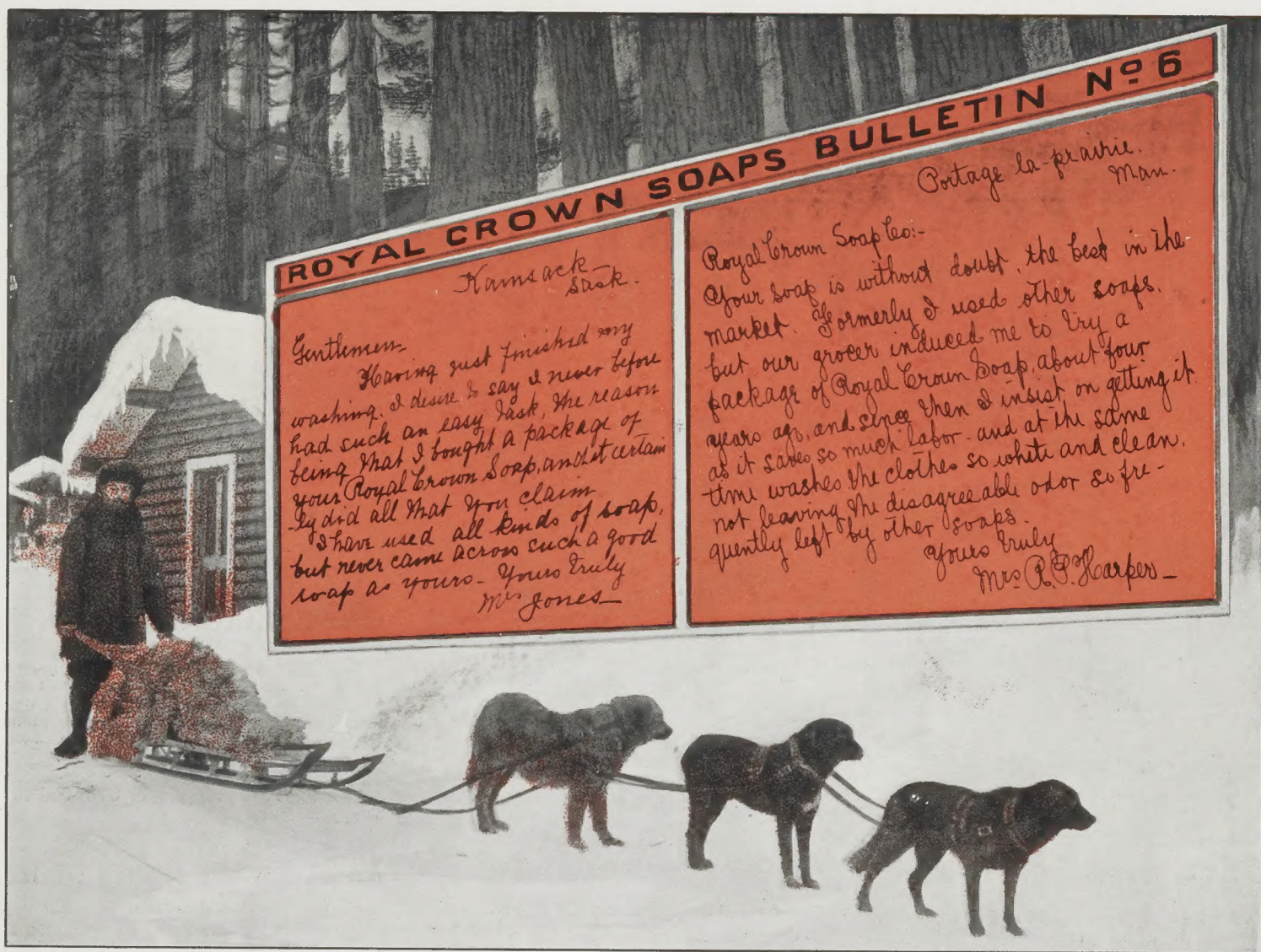
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